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HUSA President Accused of Trespassing

By Kerry-Ann Hamilton
Campus Editor

Saturday morning, two men allegedly entered the Bethune Annex Residence Hall and stole a cellular phone; staff members have identified one of the men as Howard University Student Association President Cornell Williamson.

According to Reginald Smith, chief of campus police, a report of a theft in the building was filed at approximately 12:30 a.m.

"Two male suspects, one identified as Williamson and the other unnamed suspect were allegedly seen inside the building," Smith said. "We are conducting an investigation and if it is proven that there was theft by the alleged suspects there will be criminal sanctions."

The Graduate Assistant on-call, Camille Coward, said she received a phone call from the front desk that two men were roaming the building unaccompanied. Coward called a Resident Assistant, Lakiya Emerson, also on-call, to accompany her to find the men.

"I was leaving my room on the fourth floor [west wing] when I saw Williamson and another male with braids," Emerson said. "I told them they had to leave and began to escort them downstairs."

Coward left her room on the third floor also on the west wing of the building and was



Cornell Williamson, HUSA President, is accused of trespassing and theft in the Bethune Annex Residence Hall.

able to block the two men who were then with Emerson in the stairwell.

"When we got to the first floor, the other male [Williamson's companion] attempted to go to the basement," Coward said. "I told them they had to go the lobby. The men also told me they were signed in by Lindsey."

Emerson checked the identification cards of all the residents who had signed in guests and found no match with a name Lindsey and did not find an identification card for either men.

Meanwhile, Williamson's companion continued to exit the building despite Coward's instructions for him to remain in the lobby of the building.

"Williamson said 'I don't know what is up with my boy, I was just following him,'" Coward said. "Williamson then asked me 'Do you want me to get him?' I said no."

Coward further reports that Williamson held the door for her while she went after the other alleged male trespasser.

"He [Williamson], then locked me out of the building, scanned an ID and exited

through the garage door on the lower level of the lobby," Coward said. "He drove a white SUV with New Jersey tags to the front of the building and did a rolling stop and his friend jumped in and the vehicle sped off."

The resident, who notified the Bethune Annex staff of the male trespassers, accused the men of stealing her cellular phone.

According to the resident's report, she was leaving a friend's room when she saw two men, one she later identified as Williamson, enter

Howard Students Weigh In On 2002 Mid-Term Elections



By Tiffany Mitchell
Contributing Writer

Today, voters are expected to cast their ballots for candidates of the Republican or Democratic party for the critical mid-election that will determine which party will control the House, Senate, and local government, but many Howard students are uninformed about candidate's platforms.

Some students have been saturated by day-to-day media coverage of the area sniper shootings, the war against Iraq, or the U.S. economy slump.

Some students are not well informed on candidate's positions on the key issues such as the economy, education, social security, or health care.

Senior chemistry major and democrat Michael Simontacchi is still undecided



on whether or not he will vote.

"I have not taken it upon myself to research any platforms, so I would have an informed vote," Simontacchi said.

However, some registered students voters will cast their ballots in the District while some like Natasha Smith, a junior communications major have ordered absentee ballots.

"I made myself aware," Smith said. "I read Detroit city newspapers online where they mention something about the campaigns on the front page whereas in the District it has been all about the sniper."

Graduate student and independent voter Sheldon Applewhite will also vote by absentee ballot in the state of New York.

"It's important [to vote]; the only way we can address our concerns is through the

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Democrats Pull Financial Backing from McCall

By Sean Jackman
Hilltop Staff Writer

They enter the final stretch neck and neck. Just one length behind his predecessor he comes, until suddenly, his backers decide that he is not worth the expenditure.

This scenario is difficult to imagine in the horseracing world, but apparently not in the world of politics, specifically, the race for Governor of New York.

Gubernatorial candidate H. Carl McCall, had the support of many organizations, including the Democratic Party, until October 24.

At that point, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Terry McAuliffe, said, "I've got to put the resources where we can win elections," as he pulled the financial plug on McCall.

With the latest Quinnipiac poll, before this decision, showing McCall trailing Republican Governor George Pataki 47 percent to 31 percent, it came as a shock when McAuliffe decided that McCall would have to come within six to seven points behind Pataki before any further financial support would be offered.

"That's the stupidest thing I've heard in my life," said Alicia Johnson, School of communications junior. "They've already invested so much and the only way he can get votes is if they back him... and they don't want to do that unless he can get votes."

Indeed, the latest polls showed that while Pataki's sup-



The Democratic party decided to withhold any funding for H. Carl McCall, a New York gubernatorial candidate.

port had not changed since, McCall's had dropped from 31 to 27 percent.

According to sources at CNN on October 24, McCall complained about not receiving enough financial help from the Democratic Party.

He also said that of the \$500,000 promised to him, he had only received \$240,000; though he has garnered support from many other organizations and individuals, and also from national Democrats including former President Bill Clinton, Senator Hillary Clinton and Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, all of whom have made appearances in his favor.

Thus far, Pataki has spent over \$27 million as compared to McCall's \$11 million.

To further complicate matters, billionaire third-party candidate, on the conservative ticket, B. Thomas Golisano,

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NCAA Drops SAT Requirement for Athletes

By Elena Bergeron
Sports Editor

In a far-reaching policy change, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors voted Thursday on a reform package that includes dropping the minimum SAT requirement for incoming freshman athletes.

The package eliminates the 820 cut-off SAT score and in its place utilizes a sliding scale to determine eligibility, placing increased emphasis on a student's classroom performance rather than standardized test scores. For instance, students with a 3.55 GPA in core courses can qualify with a 400 on the SAT while those with a 2.55 would need

an 800. The NCAA's current standards require an arbitrarily set 820 SAT score with a 2.55 GPA in 13 core classes.

In addition to eliminating the base SAT requirement, the package outlines more stringent guidelines for student-athletes once enrolled in an effort to improve academic performances without excluding African-American athletes from participation opportunities.

Since 1983, when Proposition 48 introduced the base SAT requirement, debate has raged along racial lines as to whether the criterion is fair to minority students who overwhelmingly come from disadvantaged school districts and tend to perform poorly on

standardized tests.

Sondra Norrell-Thomas, the University's Athletic Director and a member of the NCAA Council in 1983, has been a key opponent to Proposition 48's standard.

"We fought adamantly against that on the floor of the NCAA," Norrell-Thomas said. "It passed and the main reason was to keep African-American kids from representing predominantly white schools in Final Fours and on the football field."

The legislation passed largely based on the advocacy of the American Council of Education, an all-white board at the time, which touted SAT scores as the most accurate predictor of a student's academic success.

Since then, the Educational Testing Service (ETS), which administers the SAT, and the College Board, sponsors of the SAT, have testified before the NCAA that SAT scores are not accurate predictors of future performance.

Opponents to the reform package contend that dropping the base SAT requirement and increasing reliance on classroom performance will raise the already commonplace incidence of fraudulent grading practices at the high school level.

Despite the suggestion, however, that successful

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Halloween Haunted Hilltop, a Success

By Jodi Hurt
Contributing Writer

It was a cold dark night; the sun had recently set and the creatures of the night had awakened for play. The white mist covered the streets and sounds of eerie music may have terrified some within earshot.

Loud screams could also be heard, not just from the little children with their costumes and candy, but college students. They held on tight to their friends as they traveled through the haunted house jumping every corner as the ghosts came alive and said "boo."

The Office of Residence Life sponsored Thursday night's Halloween Haunted Hilltop held in the basement of Cook Hall. It was the University's second annual haunted house.

Cook Hall, a dormitory for many athletes, was transformed into a crazed doctors office, a witch's caldron, a demons lair, and a zombies feeding ground. What was supposed to be blood was trailed through out the dorm to set the stage for death.

Howard students and neighborhood children had a fun-filled and safe way to spend Halloween.

Aaron Davis, a junior marketing major, liked this year's haunted house because of the location, Carver Hall dormitory.

"The haunted house was much better than last year," Davis said. "No one wanted to get on the shuttle bus to ride to Carver and stand outside in the cold."

Although students had to wait in long lines outside in

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Photo by Amanda Welsh

A volunteer applies halloween make up to a cast member.



VOICES & VIEWS

*How do you
feel about
volunteering?*



Breanna Williams
Acting
Sophomore

"As a high school student I had to volunteer and it was a great way to learn about yourself and the needs of others. And, the great thing about it is that anyone can do it."



Charles Burford II
Systems and Computer
Science
Junior

"I know I don't volunteer as much as I should, but when I have, I think it makes difference to the people I am helping."



Garrett H. Sims
Broadcast Journalism
Freshman

"Volunteering is something that everyone at Howard should participate in because it not only enhances the way you perceive others, but the way that you perceive yourself."



Nate Smith
Political Science
Freshman

"I think that it is good to give back to the community- I love volunteering."

Compiled by Melanie Nesbitt

The Need for Minorities in Diplomacy Underscored in Lecture

By Lauren Childress
Contributing Writer

The Graduate Political Science Association (GPSA) recently sponsored a lecture led by Michael Frazier, a professor in political science, in the Ralph Bunche International Affairs Center discussing the under-representation of blacks in the U.S. State Department last Tuesday.

Last year, Frazier was sent to Europe on a 12-month special assignment for the U.S. Department of State. His mission was to travel abroad in an attempt to diversify the Department.

"For the past several years, Howard University, with the support of Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY) and the Secretary of State Colin Powell, [has] been trying to increase the ranks of African-American Foreign Service Officers," Frazier said. "My tenure at State was an effort to enhance that relationship."

Frazier defined diplomacy as the art or practice of conducting negotiations between nations. While working for the State Department, he served as a member of the Defense Trade Controls Working Group and worked as the active desk officer for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"I interfaced with eight U.S. members of Congress in Ottawa, Canada," Frazier said. "And the highlight of the 12-month assignment was when I briefed the seven U.S. Ambassadors in the Nordic Baltic region in Riga, Latvia."

Nicholas M. Williams, diplomat-in-residence at Howard University and a Foreign Service Officer for the State Department is based at the Bunche Center. He informs students about the internships, future careers, and opportunities with the State.

"People really don't know much about the Foreign Services and that is my job here at Howard University," Williams said. "There just [are] not enough people of color in the foreign services."

Frazier was the first African-American from Howard's Department of Political Science to join the Department of State since the late Ralph Bunche who founded the Political Science department.

"I am clear about my identity; I know I am apart of a continuum of black people who have overcome unusual or difficult circumstances," Frazier said.

Sophomore cultural anthropology major, Maraina Montgomery, is a student in Frazier's Introduction to Political



Photo by Maya Gülliam

Professor Michael Frazier lecture in the Bunche Center last Tuesday.

Science class and found the lecture informative.

"From Dr. Frazier's lecture on diplomacy, I have gained a greater knowledge of the tasks involved in a career in foreign services," Montgomery said. "I also became aware of the wonderful opportunities required of these elite government officials."

Raymond Muhula, secretary of GPSA, said he wanted students to not only become informed about foreign policy, but hoped students would gain a broader perspective of political science.

"This is a chance for students to go beyond the text and the class-

room and learn about what our professors are doing," Muhula said.

Ololade Fawole, a sophomore political science major, is interested in the many career opportunities offered by the state department.

"I think this lecture was a great place to network and a great opportunity for Howard students since the State is lacking blacks," Fawole said.

For more information about the U.S. State Department and Foreign Affairs, log on to www.foreignservicecareers.gov or speak with Williams in the Bunche Center.

AKA Donates To Africare

By Ruth L. Tisdale
Hilltop Staff Writer

The images of starvation and those infected with AIDS on the African continent have been widely publicized on American television and in the print media; although, some have become desensitized, the members of the Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. continue to donate to Africare to help ameliorate conditions in African countries.

Africare is the largest non-profit black international organization. Begun in 1971, Africare's aim is to provide shelter, food, and awareness to the continent of Africa.

Africare has been the leader in providing medicine for those infected with AIDS to the continent of Africa for over 30 years said Patricia Owens, development associate for Africare.

"The continent of Africa has been plagued for years by the AIDS epidemic," Owens said. "AIDS has wiped out whole villages, and many children are left to live without parents. Africare hopes to bring AIDS awareness to the people of Africa."

The collaboration between the AKA Alpha Chapter and Africare began in 1987, the then-President Malena R. Calvin-Rance, began the 48-hour hunger stop benefit. Fourteen years later, the 48-hour benefit continues to raise thousands of dollars to help Africare.

Last Friday, the AKA sorority, held the annual candlelight vigil in honor of those who have been affected by the HIV/AIDS virus.

"Even though it was raining, I was proud to see such a great turnout," Andrea VanDorn, a sophomore political science major, said. "My uncle died from AIDS and I was glad to see that everyone there had a spirit of remembrance for those who suffered from AIDS and hunger."

The benefit for Africare began in September when the organization invited a member of Africare to speak to the sorority about the program.

"At the organization fair in September, we had booths set up so that students could pledge donations toward Africare," said Tara Curtis, a senior legal communications major and AKA Alpha Chapter president. "Many students obtained donations from local businesses and organizations."

Dana Stith, a junior marketing major, participated in the fundraiser for Africare.

"Even though the company I worked for [Black America Political Action Committee] wanted to give to Africare, I wanted to find out for myself," Stith said. "I attended the information session in September, and when I heard that Africare was donating medical supplies toward AIDS in Africa, I knew that this was a good foundation."

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Project C.H.A.N.G.E., Changing Lives

By Sarah-Jane Thomas
Contributing Writer

Eighteen Howard University students have been carefully recruited to serve as members in Project C.H.A.N.G.E. (Connecting Howard and Neighborhoods for Growth and Empowerment).

This project was started in 1997 under the direction of Jacob Ortiz, a grantee of the nationwide Americorps program.

Americorps is a network of national service programs that engages more than 50,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment, and that is exactly what these young leaders are doing.

Ortiz firmly believes in becoming involved in the local community.

"It's important to be engaged with the communi-

ty, not just give back, whether you're from California or right here in D.C.," Ortiz said.

Studly Auguste, a sophomore from Spring Valley,

Auguste said. "I had some free time, and I wanted to give back to the community."

Atalia Young, a senior business management major from New Jersey, said she



Photo by Amanda Welsh

Crystal Amedee, a sophomore Allied Health, tutors a nine-year-old student.

N.Y., and an Americorps Project C.H.A.N.G.E. Corps member, initially heard of the organization through friends.

"I came into the office, read the packet, and I was immediately interested,"

has always been involved in community service.

"I saw this as a good opportunity to continue to serve the community, and at the same time, get compensated through a stipend and educational award," Young

said.

Young, also a Corps member, participated in the Homeless Walk last year and plans to do the same this year. She has also worked in the Martin Luther King, Jr., Service Day.

The Assistant for Community Services for the program, Moni Jeffries, maintains the impact that Howard students have on the community is profound.

"For young black children to see other young black students who are consistent and committed does amazing things for their psyche and their self-esteem. It encourages them to try," Jeffries said.

Each Corps member undergoes a two-week, 70-hour extensive training program, where they receive standard Americorps training as well as learn about the history and needs of the com-

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Young Pianists Amaze in Gallery Lounge

By Krystal A. Little
Contributing Writer

The classical music that wafted through the air Wednesday morning was enough to pull curious passers-by into Blackburn's Gallery Lounge. The students and faculty who poked their head in were astonished to see a small boy, barely able to reach the pedals of the baby grand piano, rehearsing a piece by F.J. Hayden instead of an adult.

Once the music stopped, several of the Howard University students rushed excitedly to the piano, bombarding the young boy with questions like "What's your name, man," and "How old are you?"

In between slapping high fives, the young boy yelled, "Jordan Adams and I'm seven-years-old."

"I wasn't expecting to see a seven-year-old playing music

like that," said Russell Robinson, senior finance major.

Grinning from ear to ear, Adams questioned, "How old were you expecting me to be?"

"At least thirty-something," said Robinson, before he promised to return at noon to hear Adams play.

Explaining how he's "not shy or nervous" because performing is his "favorite thing about playing the piano," Adams continued to rehearse.

Jordan Adams and eight other students from The European Academy of Music and Arts in Silver Spring, MD, were in concert as part of the Wednesday Noon Concert Series in the Gallery Lounge.

These young students, ranging between the ages of 6 and 15-years-old, fascinated their audience by playing such challenging pieces as Beethoven, Chopin, Hayden

and Rachnainov among others.

"These pianists were so young and talented, I couldn't believe it," said Sharon McDonald, senior television production major, who initially attended the concert as a class requirement. "Little Jordan Adams was my favorite, because he's a young black boy who plays classical music with such confidence and has fun doing it."

Under the direction of Dr. Bella Eugenia Oster, principal and professor of the Academy, the children and young adults have played in a recital in New York City's Carnegie Hall as well as various embassies in Washington, D.C.

"My students are not prodigies or geniuses as some would say. To me they are normal [and intelligent] students with an ability to learn," said Oster.



Photo Courtesy of www.chsnews.com

Jordan Adams, 7, is one of the piano prodigies who performed on Wednesday

Kenneth Adams, Jordan's father, decided to get piano lessons for his son after he noticed that Jordan stole his sister's keyboard as a three-year-old. "I was just hoping for him to learn songs like 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star,'" said Jordan's father.

Oster took Jordan under her wing after other piano teachers turned him away

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Bison in Ghana



J. Malaika Beckford.

African-American experience in Africa

By J. Malaika Beckford
Contributing Writer

Being here in Ghana is truly an eye opening experience. To many African-Americans, Africa, the motherland, is greatly romanticized.

It is seen as a place where dispersed Africans can return and be welcomed with open arms. To others, Africa is a land of heathens and is a part of their history that they would rather ignore. Each view is over-exaggerated.

Now, smack dab in the middle of my being here, I can only say that Ghana has showed me a plethora of things. Some have hit me in the hardest, most painful and cruel ways. Others have shown me great beauty and peace.

It is true that Africa is home to all of us in the Diaspora; however, many continental Africans feel differently. People have said the craziest things to me about how I am not African. I even had one woman pick me apart physically telling me everything about myself that was not African including my skin, hair, and body structure.

Others will call you "abruni", which means white man. These things really hurt me at first, then, after talking to other people, I realized that it is all ignorance of history and miseducation.

Slavery is not widely discussed, in fact, some laugh at it as if it did not affect those on the continent. Many people don't realize that the only reason we sound differently and act differently from each other is because my ancestor was caught and theirs got away.

There can often times be tension between African-American students and Ghanaian students. I partially believe that it is because here, at the university, the students are taught that the United States and Europe are better than Africa. On many occasions, during an interaction, a person will say, "you black Americans think you are so much better." But rarely is that the case, actually, they think that we are better than them and anything we do that is not normal to them is considered to be an act of arrogance.

On the contrary, they do not say these things to the white students who are also Americans. It is obvious that there is a fear of African-Americans in particular. I believe that it is because when they see how similar we are to them, they are forced to deal

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IIE Hosts Session on Study Abroad



Photo By Maya Gilliam

Representative from the Institute of International Education encouraged students to study abroad.

By LaToya Pumphrey
Contributing Writer

Representatives from the Institute of International Education spoke to students about the National Security Education Program and undergraduate study abroad scholarship opportunities in Locke Hall last Tuesday.

The David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship program was designed to send students to under-represented areas of the world to learn new cultures and languages. The program came into existence by David Boren and was signed into law by President George H. Bush in 1990.

The requirements of the scholarship program include learning a new language and a

service fulfillment after completing the program. NSEP is open to freshmen and sophomores. The program does not advise juniors and seniors to participate because of the proximity to graduation.

Students have eight years to complete their service fulfillment. The awarded student agrees to serve in the federal government or a position that relates to national security for the amount of time the scholarship money was disbursed to them. If a student studies abroad for eight weeks, they are responsible to give their service for eight weeks in an approved position.

Serving in the Peace Corps now satisfies the service requirement.

Ashley Ryles, a sophomore biology major, said she was

intimidated by the service requirement initially.

"The information about how service requirements could be obtained eased my mind," Ryles said.

NSEPNET assists students in finding work to fulfill their service requirement.

There is no specified grade point average needed, however students must take a language test before and after the trip to exhibit some language learned while studying abroad. Scholarships are available to U.S. citizens attending two and four-year institutions who are interested in studying abroad in Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, South Asia, and Northeastern Africa.

The application process

begins with an interested student researching programs and applying for the necessary financial aid. NSEP applicants must turn in their application by Dec. 15, which is the campus deadline, to Professor Paul Logan, whose office is located in the Howard Center, Rm. 412.

Logan serves as Howard University's campus representative for NSEP and equal opportunity advisor.

"We are trying to get students to realize this wonderful opportunity available to them because so few students of color apply," Logan said. "We want our students to be competitive."

Regional panelists will approve competitive applications to be viewed by the

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Bison in Ghana "Remember Me"

By Hakim Hasan

*Nameless familiar faces walking to a familiar beat.
Eyes look with a familiar stare,
Tongues form unfamiliar words
but transmit familiar expressions.
Is this home?
Is this home?
Is this...?*

*Questions obscured by an Atlantic breeze,
visions of hungry sharks, moons
muffled by shrills
and shrills shackled to darkness.
Nameless familiar faces cover the dissimilar
and my familiar face becomes
familiar only to me,
only to history,
only to sadistic heroes that wore
capas along the coasts.
Is this home?*

*Dispossessed while blind folded
and rotated clockwise 400 degrees.
Is this home?*

*Have they forgotten my face?
Have the memories been lost in the
Atlantic winds
and dispelled with bouels and
woman's blood?*

*We don't have to talk the same talk
We don't have to dance the same
dance*

*We don't have to sing the same
song*

*Our yesterdays speak a common
tongue*

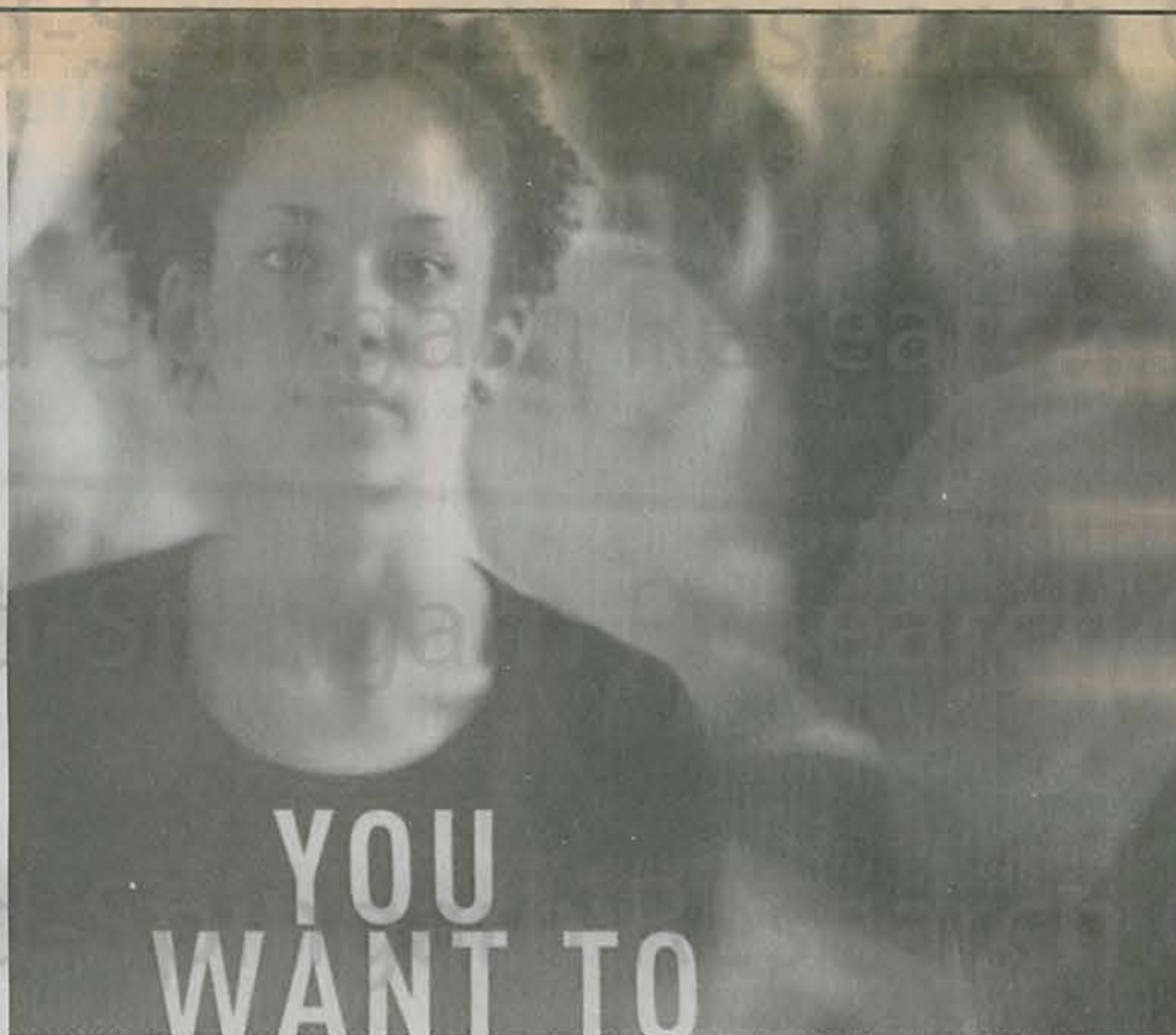
This is home.

This is home.

Remember?

Please...tell me

Do you remember me...



YOU
WANT TO
CHANGE
THINGS.

find out how:

INFORMATION SESSION Wednesday, November 5, 6.30-7.30pm
Blackburn Center Room 148 & 150

First Application Deadline: February 21

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Total Sport brings vintage jerseys to Georgia Avenue

By Phenda Varnie
Contributing Staff Writer

Over the past few months, both the Howard and D.C. communities have witnessed the coming and going of many stores. Total Sport is now one of the latest additions to Georgia Avenue. Cozily situated between Motown Sportswear for Men and Susan's Fashions, the store has received plenty of buzz since its appearance Oct. 16.

Being referred to such names as "the hat store" and "the new jersey store," area residents and students are more than curious about the Voicestream Wireless replacement.

A brief view of the employees' casual uniform of jeans, T-shirt and Timberlands, or even the radio blaring music of today's most popular artists would cause a hopeful customer to mistake the store for another urban boutique. But Rocawear, Enyce or Sean John won't be found hanging from Total Sport's racks.

Instead, the store offers an impressive collection of authentic, replicated and "throwback" jerseys, hats and jackets. The commonly used term in the hip-hop community, "throwback" refers to "any part of a sports uniform—particularly jerseys—that represents a retired player, former team or old design." These vintage-like items are usually more expensive because they are not available in as many stores as their athletic counterparts.

According to store manager Kelvin Barton, Total Sport serves throwback lovers and "hip-hop

heads" who just want to make a statement. With their rainbow assortment of colors, and multiple teams ranging from the 76ers, Hawks, Celtics, Bulls, Timberwolves, Nets and Suns, as well as their respective players,

Jerseys range from \$160 to \$470. The Michelin throwback wool jackets are the most expensive items in the store, running up to \$800.

Although Naim Reece, 21, of Trenton, N.J., said he would visit

products as well as 'hard to find' that make people exclusive and want to send more money."

From the variety of apparel offered, it is apparent that the store is geared towards every age group and gender, as long as they

their competing urban stores. Barton said that Total Sport's mission is "to provide merchandise that's harder to obtain than at Modell's or other related stores, but also more selections than on the mainstream market."

What started out as a store in West Philadelphia committed to hats by entrepreneur Michael Harris has expanded to a jersey haven throughout the east coast. Total Sport now has three stores each in both Philadelphia and Baltimore and one store in Atlanta. The Georgia Avenue location is the eighth store to be added to the chain, but there will be another grand opening in Atlanta very soon.

The Total Sport team has been doing plenty to raise awareness, with fliers, radio spots, and by co-sponsoring a Throwback Party at "The Saint" nightclub. Barton also acknowledges that the store's grand opening during Homecoming week was definitely a good advertising method because of the high volume of visitors in the city. As far as nationwide expansion, Barton says that Total Sport's goal is to open more stores throughout the country.

Currently there are not any student discounts catering to the college clientele, but for the hip-hop heads, and sportswear collectors, Total Sport brings a perfect opportunity to showcase one's personal style. The fellas can get the correct throwback jerseys and caps to compliment their Nike Air Force Ones, while the ladies can show off those hourglass figures in shapely jersey dresses.



Total Sport is one of the latest additions to Georgia Avenue.

Total Sport offers something for everyone.

Total Sport's prices range from low to high in order to fit every guest's budget. Wrist, arm and headbands start from \$10, while replica and kids' jerseys are offered from \$35 and up. Women's jersey dresses are \$160, but the authentic and throwback

the store again, even though he had some reservations.

"Some of the apparel was slightly overpriced," Reece said.

However, others argue that the prices are relatively fair for the quality of products being offered.

Barton said that Total Sport prides itself on offering "quality

want to wear athletic apparel with urban apparel. Barton is optimistic that Total Sport's location will draw customers in to sample their variety of apparel.

"The store's new locations as well as the neighboring stores will bring in clientele," he said. But he also feels that it is important to know that they are different from

The Price of Value

By Lawrence Garrett
Columnist

Behind what seems to be a reoccurring issue in the black community of gentrification really entails a question of value. There is a cycle within this sprawling effect, in which African-Americans move from the city to the suburbs only to move back to the city. "The grass is greener," "the houses are larger," and "the schools are better" were all reasons to move to the suburbs. Crime, pollution, congestion, noise and poverty were all conditions in the city that people wanted to escape from.

Funny enough those same suburbs suddenly look much like the cities people moved away from. Now, the glamour of city life seems appealing.

Why, you ask? The answer is quite simple.

Because faces that are not African-American have found a growing appreciation for properties in the city, we as African-Americans follow. Our measuring sticks of value consequently are in the hands of individuals that are not African-American.

Then, to add insult to injury, our philosophy has become to make more money so we can live in "good areas," areas that others decide are appreciative communities. This philosophy represents the carrot and donkey theory. The carrot, representing anything of value or worth, controls the donkey to move in any direction by hanging the carrot on a stick in front of the donkey's face. The strength of the donkey only represents the harder one works to get the carrot.

We as African-Americans can and should take advice from others. However, we must also make better decisions of value based upon our own conclusions. Within the last 25 years, I believe we have made some progress towards this realization.

Despite economists, analysts, appraisers, and real estate brokers that give their market speculations to the value of our homes, we as African-Americans have started to realize that true value is built within. The intangibles such as family history, togetherness, the barbershop down the street, the park around the corner and many more have an intrinsic value that has no price tag.

I once heard this quote that states, "It is better to live in a tent on the beach with a loving environment than to live in a mansion by yourself." I encourage those who are searching for a home to live and raise a family in to do more research on the social environment as opposed to just the financial environment.

Focus more on the amount of kids in the neighborhood, the nearby after-school programs, community centers, churches and parks so your family life will be well adjusted. Look for positive role models and community leaders because kids will not care about how many square feet the house is if they do not have friends to play in it with them.

Whatever you have deemed to be valuable should be from your own conclusions, which is the only true measure of value. And if my "mental value chart" is parallel to yours, we can and will build something together of worth. As your neighbor, I will not let you chase carrots that are invaluable and unattainable.

Finding quality car accessories without the hassle

By Ruth L. Tisdale
Contributing Writer

In recent years, buying car add-ons has become the trend. Consumers buy rims, car stereos, and alarms from every place including the Internet, newspaper ads, and one-week only specials, and because of this, many consumers are buying worthless equipment that either does not work or needs many repairs.

The car accessory market has become one of the largest in recent years. Because of car magazines and television shows such as MTV's Crips, many teenagers and young adults are buying the flashy rims and stereos.

"The ages of our clientele has dropped considerably in recent years," said Neil Smith. "Teenagers see rappers and movie stars with 20 inch chrome rims and they want to imitate them. They come into my store and want to buy everything that they see."

Vincent Spriggs, a freshman physical therapy majors, blames the craze for car accessories on the fact the males feel they need this for an image.

"During Homecoming, Georgia Avenue was filled with cars that had blaring sound systems and 20 inch

chrome rims," Spriggs said. "Guys think that they need this to attract girls and to portray an image that is not true."

Many times, consumers cannot afford the prices of car accessory shops so they settle for very inexpensive products advertised in newspapers and fliers that often do not work.

Wendy McGregor, manager of Alert Security and Auto Sound said that many people buy car alarms off the street and the alarm do nothing to protect their vehicle.

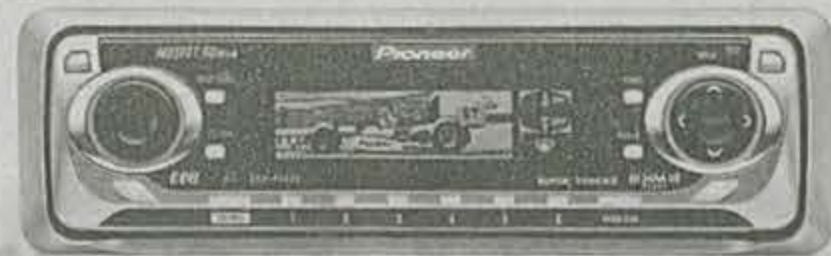
"Most car alarms that are sold on the street or through ads or fliers usually only offer



chase.

"I always show my customers a catalog so that they can see the difference between a nationally known price and my price," Smith said.

David Brown, manager of



two remotes and an alarm that sounds when the door opens," McGregor said. "These alarms don't do anything to protect cars because most thieves know how to open the door without triggering the alarm."

When consumers buy faulty equipment, many times they cannot do anything about it.

"People come to my shop and ask me to install a stereo that they bought," Smith said. "When the stereo doesn't work, the customer is just stuck with a stereo that doesn't work, and there is nothing that they can do about it."

To keep from buying faulty equipment, most car stores suggest searching through a car catalog before buying your pur-

12 Volt Auto Sound, suggests shopping around before making a purchase.

"When customers shop around, they should mention the brand name that they are interested in buying and see if that store sells that," Brown said.

Buying brand name items is another way to make sure that the product is a sound product.

"Sony, Alpine, and Kenwood are some of the nationally known brand names," Smith said. "If you buy one of these products, you always know what you're getting and you can always send it back to the company if the product is defective."

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2902 Bladensburg Rd. NE

Washington, D.C. 20018

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because of his young age.

"Ages three, four and five are perfect to begin a child in piano lessons. I prefer them that young so that I can build their foundation and teach them proper dynamics," said Oster.

The talent even surprised Roberta McLeod, director of the Blackburn Center, as well and a co-coordinator of the Series.

"These young students are not playing the miniature version of these pieces, but the real thing at such young ages as six and seven, which is absolutely amazing," said McLeod.

"What is so remarkable about these young students is that they have exceptional concentration, which allows them to follow musical development without stress or pressure at such an early age," said Raymond Jackson, renowned concert pianist and Howard University music professor. "These students also demonstrate a joy and love for music."

Six-year-old Olivia Ly and seven-year-old Jeffrey Ly, who

played a rhythm tic by A. Dvorak, illustrated that passion. The brother and sister duet amused their audience by playing the up tempo 'Slavic Dances, no 10 in E moll', swaying and bouncing in sync with one another and the flow of the music.

The highlight of the performance was Jordan Adams, who captivated hearts with 'Sonata Hob, 35, I movement in C Dur', a fast-moving piece from Hayden, which has a wide range of dynamics from very loud to very soft. Students shook their heads in amazement as Adams sat at the very edge of the piano bench, stretching so that his little fingers could run up and down the eighty-eight black and white keys.

Adams, an A-student from Maryland, hopes to be a composer one day and prefers certain composers to others.

"My favorite [composers] are Bach and Beethoven," Adams precociously explained after he finished his last piece. "They are fast and have a lot of loudness and softness, which is called crescendo and decrescendo...but you can

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political process of voting," Applewhite said.

Senior political science major Jarvis Houston is on the ballot as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner candidate for Ward-1B06. If elected Houston will be the only Howard student of the 12-member council and of any D.C. government position.

Houston's platform plans to address concerns surrounding public safety, affordable housing and education issues within his constituency.

stituency.

"If elected, I will be the most close knit individual to the elected officials," Houston said.

So like many candidates, Houston and his staff campaigned hard to ensure registered voters were aware of local issues.

"We've been going door to door to constituents' [homes]," Houston said. "I talked to at least 200 people about voting."

Houston's campaign team plans to march students to the polls from his campaign headquarters in

Meridian and his staff will also drive the District's senior citizens to polls.

The College Democrats and the College Republicans of Howard University have made it their goal to get students to vote although the events of the past few weeks have overshadowed the campaigns.

The College Democrats have held registration drives.

"We do a lot to get our students out to support the Democratic Party, but mainly we want to get our student's out to vote," the Vice President of College

Democrats at Howard, Mark Williams said.

Both the College Democrats and Republican organizations have talked to students in the various dorms and have sent mass e-mails reminding students to attend local candidate's rallies.

"Local issues have overshadowed the local races, but we still need to pay attention because it is the local people who affect our day to day life," College Republican chair Adam Hunter said.

For more on the election candidates and platforms, students may visit

GHANA from A3

with something that is brushed over everyday, slavery and oppression.

People often ask me what it is like in the United States. When I tell them about the injustice and that it is not all it is cracked up to be, they laugh and think that I am crazy.

To many Ghanaians, America is the land of milk and honey with streets paved in gold. They want to know what pos-

sessed me to leave America and come to Ghana. I tell them that I want to see the land of my ancestors and experience a place other than America. I say that I want to see my original home.

Many laugh and say, "America is your home," and then the great debate begins. From having this debate several times per week, I realize that being a dispersed African in general and an African-American in particular is one of the greatest identity crisis that a person can have.

Although we have been in America for a long time, it is a fact that we are not actually American, no one is.

On the other hand, we have been away from Africa for so long that we are not considered to be Africans.

So who are we really? What place can we claim as our home? We are truly a people of a new breed. Perhaps we are kind of like hybrid Africans. It is a truly confusing thing to think about and an even more difficult topic to dis-

cuss.

In my time here, I have grown to appreciate African-American people and culture even more. I see that we are a strong people who always have the world against them.

Still, amidst all the madness, we grow, rise, and influence the entire world. I know that the African-American existence is only for a select God-chosen few. The simple fact that we are all still alive should unite us all.

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national panel. Competitive applications include two to three recommendations, transcripts from the past four semesters, a statement of purpose, and a study abroad program description with cost information.

"I think it's a great opportunity." Sophomore psychology major Melissa Brown said. "They're giving us money to travel and study in other coun-

tries; all we have to do is apply for it."

Last year, the NSEP awarded about 100 scholarships from about 700 applications. This year, they plan to award about 150 to 200 scholarships.

Students were concerned about their safety while studying abroad. Angie Neumaier, NSEP senior program associate, assures students that if the federal government has issued a travel warning to specific countries, NSEP will not send students to that country.

Howard University's Study Abroad Program is headed by Betty Aikens whose office is located in the Ralph Bunche International Affairs Center. For additional information on study abroad programs, contact her at 202-806-4363.

For additional information about the scholarships offered by the IIE and online applications, visit www.iie.org and www.iie.org/nsep. Any questions about the NSEP Scholarship, call 1-800-618-NSEP.

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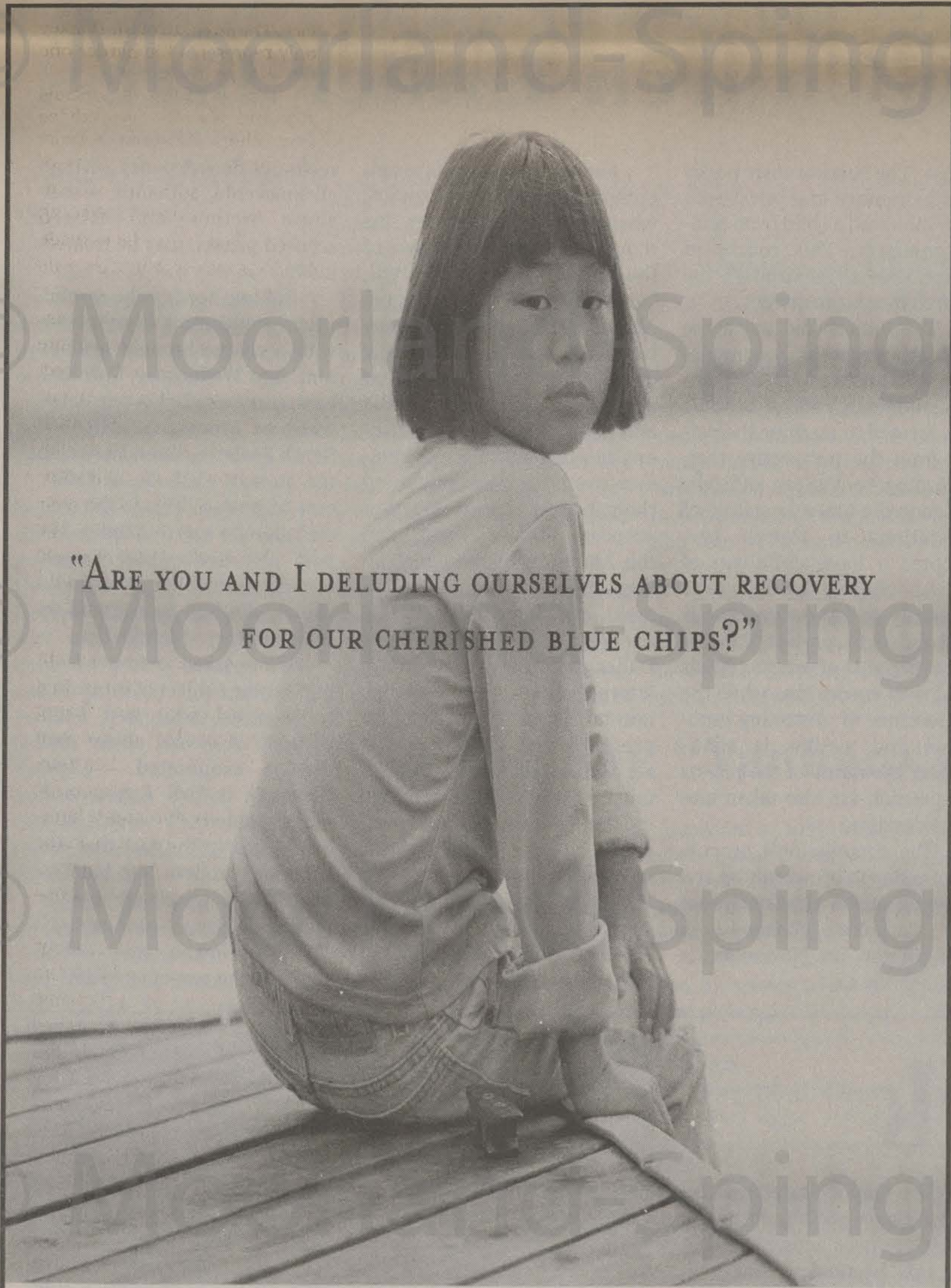
Howard University Hospital, as well as the Campus Police, has given to Africare.

Friday also marked the beginning of the 48-hour fast. Curtis said many people fasted for many different reasons. The fast culminated with a breakfast sponsored by Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. on Sunday Oct. 27.

"Howard University's motto has been 'Global Leadership for the Global Community' and this is one way to fulfill our commitment," Melanie Forbis, a senior sociology major, said. "Our goal is to educate people about Africare so that people can take the initiative to help out this great organization."


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Scientists have tracked the motion of electrons deep within atoms. The experiment, using a form of ultrafast flash photography, enables a closer look at the primary foundation blocks of matter, resolving the swirling blur of electrons into a stop-action movie. It is hoped that the study of the electronic behavior of atoms could lead to more compact and efficient X-ray lasers.

Fuel Economy Burning Low

For the third consecutive year, average fuel economy for those shiny new 2003 models in the showrooms is down about 6 percent below the high point set 15 years ago.

The percentage of the new vehicles averaging more than 30 mpg dropped to 4 percent from 6 percent last year. According to the Environmental Protection Agency 2003-model annual fuel economy statistics, only 33 of the 934 cars, trucks and vans listed are that efficient. This year, three hybrid gas- and electric-powered vehicles, the two-seat Honda Insight coupe and five-seat Toyota Prius and Honda Civic sedans, are at the top of the list of fuel pinchers.

“With gas prices at historic lows, the cost of fuel is not as important as many other vehicle characteristics such as the utility of the vehicle, how many passengers they can carry, cargo and towing and safety features,” said Ron DeFore, a spokesman for the Coalition for Vehicle Choice, which lobbies against government fuel-economy rules.

Fastow Indicted

In a long-anticipated move, a federal grand jury in Houston on Thursday indicted former Enron chief financial officer Andrew Fastow on 78 counts of wire fraud, money laundering and conspiracy for his role in the Enron scandal.

Conviction for Fastow means the rest of his life in prison. For each count of money laundering alone, for instance, the maximum penalty would be 10 to 20 years. Fastow also could face millions of dollars in fines.

US Syphilis Up

Syphilis is on the rise in the United States for the first time in more than a decade, largely

because of outbreaks among gay and bisexual men in several big cities, the government reported Thursday. The trend suggests a potential resurgence in transmission of the AIDS virus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The syphilis rate increased from 2.1 cases per 100,000 people in 2000 to 2.2 cases per 100,000 last year, the CDC said. The rate had been dropping every year since 1990, and the 2000 rate was the lowest since 1941, when nationwide reporting of the disease began. Syphilis among women actually dropped 17.6 percent in 2001. More than two-thirds of the new syphilis patients were men.

Jam Master Jay of Run DMC Shot

Publicist Tracy Miller confirmed the death of the 37-year-old disc jockey, whose real name was Jason Mizell. On Wednesday, he was shot once in the head and was dead at the scene, said police Detective Robert Price. He said the shooter remained at large and police had no information on a motive.

Bush asked to Release Haitians

A congresswoman pressed Governor Jeb Bush on Wednesday to ask his brother the president to order the release of more than 200 Haitian immigrants detained in Florida after they jumped off a freighter and waded ashore. She asked that they be treated as the Cubans are in similar situations. Normally, Cuban immigrants are allowed to remain in the United States if they reach land, while those intercepted at sea are returned.

The governor said he agrees that the Haitians should be released until their asylum requests have been heard, as with immigrants from other countries.

“Haitians should be treated in the same fashion that Jamaicans, people from the Bahamas, people from any country in the world,” Bush said.

A 50-foot wooden freighter carrying 211 Haitians and three Dominicans ran aground Tuesday near a causeway south of downtown Miami. Six Haitian nationals were charged with illegal smuggling. On Tuesday afternoon, authorities identified the Dominicans as being Cubans who were picked up off a raft. No Cubans were aboard the vessel. The Haitian immigrants consisted of 150 men, 35 women and 26 juveniles, Immigration and Naturalization Services spokeswoman Barbara Gonzalez said. One of the minors was hospitalized for dehydration. Gonzalez declined to say whether any of the immigrants had asked for asylum.

U.S. Drones on Iraq Attack

By Sean Jackman
Hilltop Staff Writer

In a recent move by the United States Air Force, armed drones have begun striking targets in Southern Iraq. According to General Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the unmanned drones have been patrolling the “no-fly” zones, enforced by U.S. and British planes since the Persian War, over southern Iraq for more than a decade.

The Predators, which are usually unarmed, have been armed with Hellfire missiles for these missions, and have been effective in Iraq for the past month. The Hellfire missiles, though small, were developed to attack tanks and so can generate considerable damage to most targets.

The missiles were first mounted onto the Predator by the CIA, the only agency to use armed drones until now. Drones were used extensively in the war against Afghanistan, most notably in the attack that killed Mohammed Atef, Osama bin Laden’s second-in-command. Now the Air Force is getting into the act, although officials say that they are being used only to break down air defenses on the ground, as opposed to targeting individuals as the CIA did.

Numerous ROTC members, who wished to remain anonymous, have reiterated that the drones are being used to try and identify hostile actions to keep the military in preparation for a war/military strike on Iraq.

Unconvinced, Shaton Sanderson, a junior majoring in systems and computer science, thinks that, “... he [Saddam] has a lot of weapons of mass destruction and if we continue to meddle in his business, we will pay for it. President Bush may think we are invincible but September 11 proves otherwise.”

Despite costing almost as much as a manned fighter, these armed drones have many advantages over conventional fighters. They are able to linger over targets for an extended period of time, enter dangerous situations and penetrate areas that may be contaminated due to chemical or biological weapons, without risking a pilot’s life.

They are also able to detect hostile reactions to other aircrafts, surface-to-air missiles or anti-aircraft gunfire, and respond immediately. They can operate continuously for over 24 hours, at a height of 25,000 feet, although standard operational height is 15,000 feet.

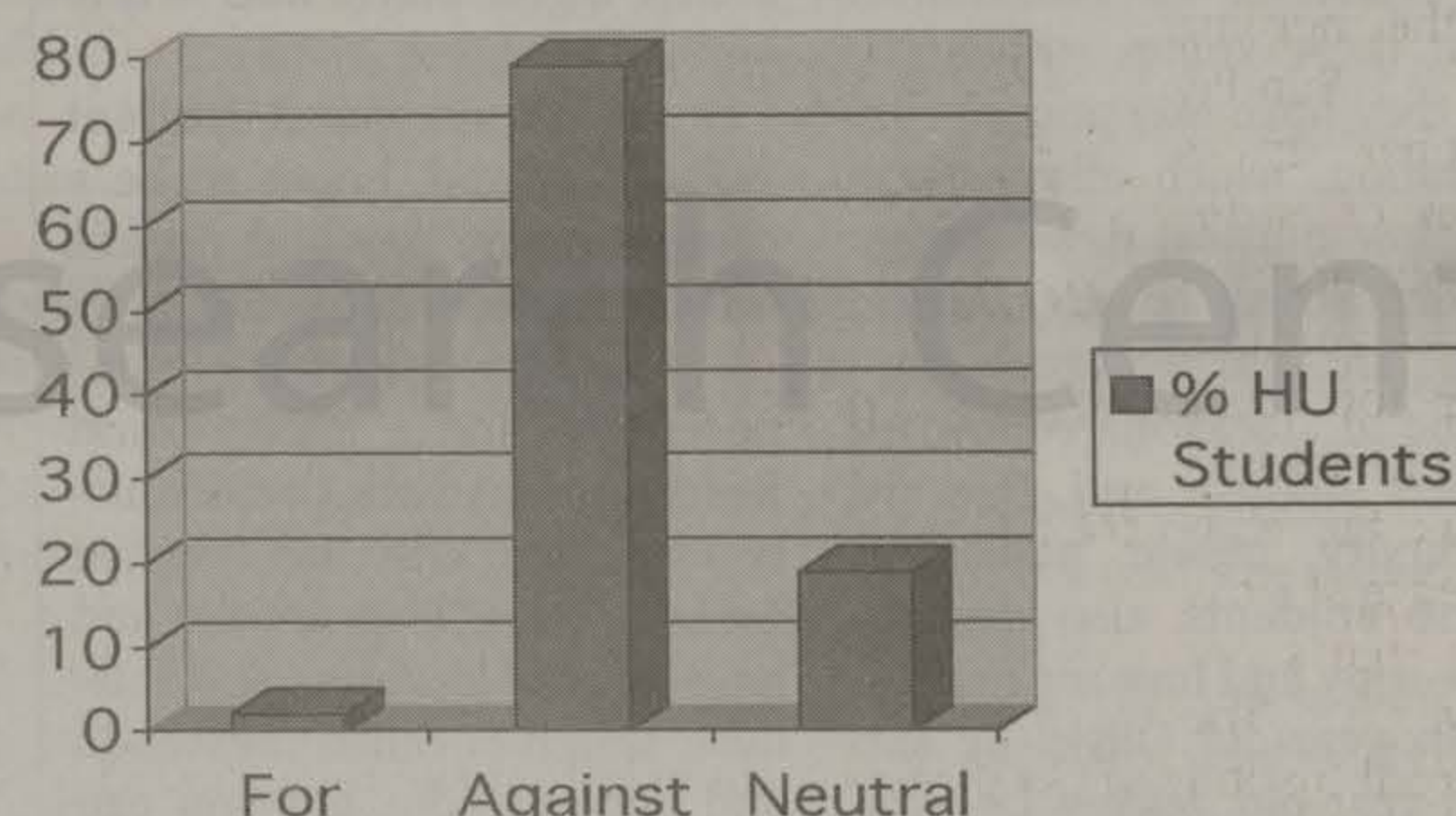
Despite all this, one of their biggest assets is their ability to return real time surveillance video to the command center, which enables U.S. commanders to monitor ground activity as it occurs. The drones are operated from a ground transportable station, designed to resemble a cockpit.

The military, who elucidated that the mission was classified, has not disclosed how many of these drones are in operation. Nor have they said how many of the drones have fired or when



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General Atomics RQ-1 Predator



A Howard University Student Poll was taken in order to determine the percentage of students in support of the United States' use of unmanned, armed drones to strike targets in Iraq.

they have fired. ABC News reported earlier this week however, that armed Predators have fired twice in recent weeks; one striking an air defense radar dish.

“The war on Iraq is solely about oil and spreading the American capitalist organism... Let the people of Iraq handle their Iraqi business,” Varun Boodram, a junior Math major, said.

Though they are currently

only armed with air-to-surface missiles, considerations for mounting anti-aircraft stinger missiles are under deliberation for defensive purposes. Nearly a third of the Navy’s 60 Predators have been lost due to mishaps and incidents over enemy territory. The CIA is also rumored to have lost considerable Predators in the fight with Afghanistan, though they are reluctant to disclose such information.

Catholic Church Under Fire

By Jonathan Grannum
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Catholic Church has been under fire from critics and parishioners alike ever since the beginning of time. But this time the controversy involves allegations of sexual abuse against America’s priests that cannot seem to stop pouring in.

One of the latest outcries has come against Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston. Leading the crusade is a well-known Roman Catholic businessman, Jack Connors Jr.

Connors was an advisor to Cardinal Law, but now he is accusing Law of attempting to silence the scandal and diffuse the situation by simply transferring priests to different assignments without reason.

Connors was quoted by the Washington Post as saying, “I don’t have problems with my faith....I have problems with the leaders of my faith.” The response by the nation’s Bishops has been to take a strong stand against any priest found guilty of child sexual

abuse. The basis of their policy was to remove any priest who ever molested a child from public ministry. This course of action was meant to make the church more transparent.

The Vatican did not agree with this proposal. A commission comprising four US bishops and four Vatican officials was formed to examine the policy from the perspective that, according to Vatican officials, “...ignored a ten-year statute of limitations in church law, adopted a loose definition of sexual abuse, handed over authority to lay review boards and failed to protect the due process rights of priests.” Their goal is to ensure that while the importance of protecting innocents and victims is maintained, the rights of the priests in question are also taken into consideration.

The commission’s proposals are due to be submitted at a meeting of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington on November 11 through the 14.

Father John Raphael, Catholic Chaplain at Howard, when questioned about his thoughts on the effectiveness of the proposals stated, “Malfeasance by many American bishops has exacerbated the horrible scandal the Church currently faces. Fear concerning immediate media and public reaction to the bishops’ meeting in Dallas this summer seems to have influenced their hastily drawn together proposal. Rome has reminded the American bishops that an accusation does not an indictment or a conviction make.

According to the bishops’ Dallas guidelines, a subjective interpretation of a non-verbal, non-tactile exchange could be presented by anyone as an accusation of sexual harassment or sexual abuse resulting in immediate dismissal and public disgrace. The Vatican is in no way weakening a strong US policy— even the ten year statute of limitations provision of canon law can be waived in particular cases. Rome is cor-

recting a flawed policy so that all innocents, authentic sexual abuse victims and falsely accused priests, may be treated justly.”

But one needs to be careful when condemning every priest with a charge brought against him. Last Wednesday, Cardinal Law announced the reinstatement of Monsignor Michael Smith Foster, a canon lawyer in the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Boston. This is the second time he was recalled to his post after having had charges brought against him by an individual who had been found to have a history of fabrication.

When asked as to her feelings on the subject of returning to a priest who had been accused of sexual abuse and then exonerated, Risa Cheewah, a Civil Engineering major, stated, “I would have confidence in the fact that his superiors brought him back to duty and I would try not to judge him simply on hearsay.” The question is then, what stand do the rest of us take?

Butt Out New York

By Sharelyn N. Devonish
Contributing Writer

New York Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg is pushing to pass an anti-smoking law in New York that will ban smoking in all bars and restaurants, making it one of the toughest in the nation.

The ban will go on to include all bars, billiards and bingo parlors, restaurants, outdoor cafes, city vehicles, and company cars if one person objects.

The current law, passed

in 1995, bans smoking in all restaurants with more than 35 seats, excluding bars and bar areas of all restaurants. The passing of the new proposal will add on 13,000 establishments that will be pushed to ban smoking entirely. If the law passes through to legislation, New York will join both California and Delaware in being the only states to ban smoking in all bars and restaurants.

Bloomberg’s reasons for proposing this law seems to be solely for the protection of

the employees in these smoke-filled businesses. He views restaurants and bars as a workplace before a social establishment and employees of these businesses should have the same option of a smoke-free environment as those in office buildings.

This is not the first attempt Bloomberg has made to crack down on smoking in New York City. Earlier in the year, Bloomberg increased taxes on cigarettes in the city more than one dollar, raising prices to \$7.50 per pack.

The mayor states that he doesn’t care whether the city gains or loses money due to the tax, because it will help prevent children from smoking. Cigarette sales were cut in half after the price increase.

Smoke-free restaurants and bars are not the only places that will be targeted to ban smoking. Anti-smoking advocates who convinced Bloomberg to go through with anti-smoking legislation

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New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg intends to pass an anti-smoking law which will prohibit the practice in all bars, restaurants, and possibly billiards and bingo parlors and personal and company vehicles.



Italians Quake as Mount Etna Erupts

By Sean Jackman
Hilltop Staff Writer

Mount Etna in Sicily, Italy, Europe's highest and most active volcano has awakened spewing fire continuously for four days.

Etna had not produced any serious activity since a series of eruptions in July and August last year, described as one of the most erratic and complex displays of volcanic action in 300 years, and was expected to remain calm for some time to come.

From early on the morning of Sunday October 27, a series of earthquakes aroused the volcano. Over 100 small earthquakes shook the eastern edge of Sicily and parts of Italy.

The National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology measured more tremors overnight, and on Tuesday morning a quake measuring 2.9 on the Richter scale struck near the volcano.

Authorities evacuated about 1,000 people from homes near the volcano as a precaution until buildings could be checked for structural damage.

Since the first quake on Sunday, the volcano has been coughing up lava, ash and debris. Despite swallowing huge areas of Sicilian forest on

Tuesday, officials and rescue workers stressed that nearby towns were not in any danger of being engulfed.

Linguaglossa, appropriately meaning "big tongue of lava", is a popular ski town not far from the tip of one of the lava rivers, and was hit hard. Villagers built barriers and bombed the lava flow with water in an effort to divert it before rescue workers came.

"Italy is the dwelling place of the Pope. Any judgment that comes, they will have to live with because it's God's will."

Vincenzo Crimi a rescue worker said, "... at the moment I can exclude any danger for the town," though stating, "The fact that the people of Linguaglossa are worried is reasonable and justified ..."

Not everyone felt as sympathetic towards them though. Daryl Cobham, a freshman architecture major at Howard, stated that, "Italy is the dwelling place of the Pope. Any judgment that comes, they will have to live with because it's God's will."

Rescue efforts included planes dumping gallons of water on the lava streams and on the flaming trees. Bulldozers are building barricades higher up the mountain, to direct the lava flow away from ski resorts and restaurants in the woods.

On Thursday morning, a 5.9

quake that was reported to have been felt as far as Naples, Campania, Abruzzo and Rome left a school in San Giuliano di Puglia collapsed and 29 reported dead, 26 of which were between ages three and ten. However, the volcanic eruption seemed to be tapering as one main river of magma came to a standstill and another was moving too slowly to detect. Ash, lava and debris continued to be emitted from the volcano.

On Friday, another quake estimated at 5.8 on the Richter scale shook San Giuliano di Puglia leaving more structural damage, but no immediate reports of deaths or injuries in its wake.

The ash continues to be a problem however, and citrus growers fear that the blanket of ash will damage orange and lemon trees, while herders had to scramble to find forage for cattle on ash-covered fields.

Ash rained down on Catania, Sicily's second-largest city, whose main airport was closed since the first quake and all weekend because the ash created visibility problems and left the runway slippery. Flights were redirected to Sicily's capital, Palermo, while residents used umbrellas for protection. In hours pharmacies ran out of the 15,000 free protective masks given them.

Satellite photos clearly show the ash clouds, stretched as far away as Libya, some 400 miles away. Conditions have since



Mount Etna spews lava into the sky, sending plumes of smoke all the way to Africa.

lightened for the town as wind changes on Thursday started pushing the black clouds north in the direction of Messina.

Tremors continued to rock the volcano, damaging infrastructure in several small towns, with over 1,000 temporarily homeless as a result. Santa Venerina, a town lying just 340 kilometers from the base of the volcano was wrought with destruction- over 600 homeless and many damaged buildings.

A state of disaster has been declared and nine million euros have been released to help with the situation. The homeless are to receive 100 euros per month per person to help with accommodation during the rebuilding phase; farmers will receive compensation for ruined crops.

Unidentified Poison Gas

Praise for a daring rescue of hostages in a Moscow theater turned Sunday into angry questions about a secret gas used to knock out Chechen rebels that also killed 116 of their captives.

Moscow's top doctor Andrei Seltsovsky said last week Sunday that 646 people out of 750 rescued by Russian special troops were still in hospitals. At least 150 were in intensive care, 45 of them in a grave condition.

According to Yevgeny Luzhnikov, the physician in charge of the city's poison unit, the substance was generally described as akin to compounds used in surgical anesthesia.

"In standard situations, the compound does not act as aggressively as it turned out to do," said Seltsovsky. He said many of the hostage victims were already dehydrated and weak from their ordeal.

Caribbean Boosts Tourism Budgets

Caribbean officials plan to unveil dozens of multimillion-dollar tourism projects over the next year despite unabated weakness in travel spending. From more than \$2.2 billion investment in new hotels in Puerto Rico to a \$65 million airport expansion in the British Virgin Islands, regional authorities say they are trying to position themselves to capitalize on an eventual rebound in tourism.

Puerto Rico has pursued the most aggressive and expensive development agenda. US and European corporations are investing in the region as well, according to officials from Aruba, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands attending this week's Caribbean Tourism Conference in the Bahamas.

Iraq Expels Foreign Journalists

Apparently out of anger over their coverage of anti-government protests earlier in the week, Iraq has mandated the removal of foreign journalists from the country. Baghdad was also warning of new rules for journalists going into the country. Each news organization will be limited to one non-Iraqi journalist who cannot stay more than ten days.

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Cocaine In Amazon

Colombian Environment Minister Cecilia Rodriguez appealed to the international community to help fund a scheme to pay poor farmers to protect trees instead of cutting them down to grow drug crops. Eighty percent of the world's supply of the drug comes from Colombia, and Rodriguez said 70 percent of this is now grown in the Amazon region.

The area of former forest under cultivation has quadrupled in the last decade - cocaine farmers have to keep cutting down more trees as the soil already under cultivation is starved of nutrients within two years.

New Stem Cell Technique

British scientists have developed a new stem cell technique that could help patients with advanced leukemia or lymphoma. They genetically tinkered with donor stem cells-master cells that can develop into virtually any cell type- so that they can survive highly toxic chemotherapy.

Raj Chopra, a doctor at the University of Manchester, who developed the technique, told a cancer conference on Monday preliminary results from early animal studies were encouraging.

"Our new system, which we call genetic chemoprotection, prevents donor stem cells from being harmed by chemotherapy and so should allow us to use much higher doses than would otherwise be possible," Chopra explained.

Donor stem cells are transplanted into the patient to produce an immune response against the disease. It is often followed by high-dose chemotherapy to kill the cancerous cells but the toxic drugs can also harm the donor stem cells.

To solve this, Chopra and colleague Lez Fairbairn isolated stem cells, grew them in the laboratory, and used a virus to insert a gene, called Atase, to make them resistant to the toxic effect of the chemotherapy drugs.

Island Politics

A Column by
Jonathan Grannum
Hilltop Staff Writer

Last week, we learned of the election results in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. This week we go back in time to the events that resulted in this chain reaction of three elections in three years in the nation of Trinidad and Tobago.

It all began much further back in time than I can personally account for. But, for our purposes, it was Monday, December 11, 2000, when General Elections were held with the United National Congress (UNC) winning 19 out of 36 seats. This left the People's National Movement (PNM) with 16 and the National Alliance for Reconstruction (NAR) with one seat. The UNC was in power, but at what lengths and for how long?

Two of their winning candidates' seats were immediately challenged because of a possible illegitimacy in their eligibility to run as Ministers of Parliament (MP).

An insight into the problem is gained from the Trinidad and Tobago Express: "Winston 'Gypsy' Peters won the Ortoire/Mayaro seat, while William Chaitan won the Pointe-a-Pierre seat, but both men, who held dual citizenship when they filed their nomination papers on November 20 [2000], swore they were duly qualified to be elected as MPs" and therefore, "...had falsely sworn to a statutory declaration that they had not sworn allegiance to a foreign power."

Not too long after these charges, another accusation was brought by the PNM

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New Money for Afghanistan

By Ria Marie Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer



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The Central Bank of Afghanistan issued new bank notes of Afghan currency three weeks ago as part of IMF and World Bank policies to create financial stability in the region. The new bank notes, which were printed in Germany, are one thousand times more valuable than the old currency and according to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, "The new money will have value, and in the exchange markets it will be stable and credible."

The new dollar, which does not bear any image of people, seeks to promote the acceptance of a single currency by all ethnic groups throughout the region. Fears about the introduction of

the new dollar have led to marked fluctuations in the currency market, as people rush to sell their old Afghanian for the new notes, causing the sharpest fall in the value of Afghanian currency to 58,000 to the dollar.

Central Bank Governor, Anwar ul-Haq relayed the bank's plans to sell \$5,000,000 of the new money to reduce the supply of the old currency in the market,

but has momentarily ceased printing of the new Afghanian banknotes to stabilize the value of the currency.

The transition to the new notes has not been easy, because of the poor communication system and infrastructure within the region, which makes it difficult to distribute the currency to all the

Can You Say "Vanhankaupunginlahti"?

By Sean Jackman
Hilltop Staff Writer

Vanhankaupunginlahti, Finnish for "Old Town Bay", is what locals call the original site of the town of Helsinki- capital of Finland. In 1550, at the mouth of the River Vantaanjoki, King Gustavus Vasa of Sweden initially founded Helsinki to compete with the Hanseatic city of Tallinn on the opposite shore of the Gulf of Finland.

As it turned out, this location was inappropriate and after a couple other poor venues were ruled out, the city of Helsinki was harbored on the south coast of Finland.

The Republic of Finland, before gaining its independence in 1917, was a Grand Duchy under Russian rule since 1809, and prior to that was a part of Sweden.

Supreme executive power is appointed to President Tarja Kaarina Halonen who was elected in 2000 for a six-year term, and a Council of State headed by Prime Minister Paavo Lipponen

(appointed in 1999) runs general state affairs. Entering the European Union on the first day of 1995, the Finnish Markka was given over to the Euro.

With a population of five million, the seventh largest country in Europe is sparsely inhabited with only seventeen people per square kilometer.

Being officially bilingual, these seventeen Finns navigate their square kilometer by street signs in both Finnish and Swedish. However, the tongues of Finns are highly influenced by international trends in China, France, Greece, India, Italy, Mexico and a multitude of other cultures.

Seasonal strawberries and fish are not uncommon in Finnish delicacies from July, along with mushrooms, berries, game and potatoes beginning in August. Some less appetizing Finnish bites include mustamakkara- black blood sausage found mostly in Tampere; Jaffa- a carbonated orange beverage renowned for being the panacea for upset stomachs; and salmiakki- (from sal ammoniac-

ammonium chloride which is found in dry batteries and encrustations around volcanoes such as Mount Etna) a salty licorice candy that is enormously fashionable when mixed with vodka to make "salmiakikossu".

One can dine in gourmet restaurants on an enticing assortment of multi-ethnic and international cuisine while watching the sunset. In the "Land of the Midnight Sun"- the province of Lapland in the north of Finland- the sun hovers just above the horizon for weeks on end. Then, to burn out the calories consumed during those extended sunsets, one could tango at the annual Tango King/Queen competitions held in Seinäjoki where over 100,000 tango enthusiasts gather every summer.

Finland is not only an intriguing place for romance, but Helsinki has also traditionally been a safe haven for spies and rebels, and a base for intelligence agencies and Fascist immigrants. However, according to the local authorities, Helsinki is safe to stroll through at

night and the transportation services are secure and reliable as long as standard precautions are taken.

On an unusual endnote, one might be interested to know that Finnish plastic bags which are not free, but paid for at checkout at the grocery, are celebrated by the Finns for their incredible resilience and toughness, and have allegedly out-performed most condoms currently on the market! Unfortunately, a Finnish plastic bag could not be acquired for investigation into that claim.

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Finnish in Five Minutes

Anteeksi. (an-teek-si)= Sorry/ Excuse me

En puhu suomea. (en pu-hu su-oh-me-a)= I don't speak Finnish

Hauska tavata! (ha-us-ka ta-va-ta)= Nice to meet you

Hyvää huomenta! (ee-va hu-a-men-ta)= Good morning

Hyvää iltaa! (ee-va il-ta)= Good evening

Hyvää päivää! (ee-va pa-ee-va)= Good afternoon!

Iso tuoppi! (ee-so tu-op-pee)= Could I have a pint of beer, please?

Kiitos! (kee-tos)= Thank you

Minulla oli mukavaa. (mi-nu-la o-lee mu-ka-va)= I had a nice time.

Moi! (moy)= Hi/ Bye

Näkemiin! (n-keh-meen)= Goodbye

Sinulla on kauniit siniset silmät. (see-nu-la on kow-nit see-nee-set seel-mat)= You have beautiful blue eyes.



Homeless Walk 2002 Planners Hope for Success

By Catherine Jones
Contributing Writer

The 15th annual Help The Homeless 5K Walkathon takes place Saturday, November 23, 2002 between 4th and 7th Streets, NW, on the National Mall. Then participants will walk to Union Station, Capitol Hill, Independence Avenue, and finish back at the Mall.

This annual event assists over 200 non-profit agencies with helping the homeless in Maryland, Virginia, and especially Washington, D.C. These non-profit agencies are split in three different categories: Direct services to homeless people, Homelessness prevention programs for low-income people who are precariously housed, and Permanent, spe-

cial-needs housing.

In Washington, D.C nearly one-fifth of the residents lived in poverty during 1998-99. Also, 44 percent of the District's children live in poverty. This is twice the national average. In one year, 15,000 people experience homelessness; about half are women and children. Tragically, half of the children are under age five. Two-thirds of single homeless adults have special needs like HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, mental illness, and serious physical problems. (Statistics can be found on the Help the Homeless website and are courtesy of the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless all statistics from 2001.) The Help The Homeless walkathon helped 175 non-profit agencies

in Washington, D.C assist in helping the homeless in D.C.

The Fannie Mae Foundation started the Help The Homeless walk in 1988, and it always takes place the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Last year, more 273 corporations donated money and over 100,000 people participated by walking. All together the Fannie Mae Foundation raised more than \$6.1 million last year. Ed Davies, the program Manager for the Help The Homeless Walk, said "our expectations this year is to equal or exceed last year's turn out and monies raised."

The registration fee is \$25 dollars, \$15 for anyone 25 and younger, and each participant

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Local residents participate in the 2001 Homeless Walk.

Washington D.C. Area Profile: Visiting Southeast



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Southeast D.C. holds many treasures including the nation's capital.

By Nellie Bradley
Contributing Writer

When she travels through her old neighborhood in Southeast D.C. that is still filled with colorful brick homes and large wooded areas Karen Raper, school of communication professor reminisces about her childhood.

Being in the baby boomer generation, Raper had several children to play with in Garfield, her old neighborhood. Through out her childhood she would play boys

verse the girls' softball in the Hillcrest area during the summer and sleigh ride down "Suicide Hill" in Fort Stanton Park during the winter.

When she passes such memorable areas she says to herself "What is so bad about this neighborhood?" as she points to Fort Stanton Park that has a well-kept basketball court and an Olympic size pool.

"Unfortunately, Howard students and other people that come to Washington give

Southeast this bad reputation that it does not deserve. There's nothing going on in Southeast that's not going on in any other section of the city", said Raper.

Because of different media portrayals, Southeast has taken a bad reputation of being a city consumed with destruction and crime.

"I get offended when people say they don't won't to go into Southeast...The whole area is not bad" said Corine Martin, Television production

major.

The Washington Navy Yard, which is the U.S. Navy's oldest shore establishment surrounds southeast, and is near the Bolling Air Force Base. Southeast includes famous streets such as Pennsylvania Avenue, Martin Luther King Avenue, Alabama Avenue, along with individual landmark areas such as Anacostia, Congress Heights, and Uniontown that serve as venues for festivals, historical sites, and local businesses.

Southeast is on the highest level of D.C several scenic views such as the Capitol, White House, and Monument can be seen from the hilltops and back yards. Two prominent places to see the views is at Fort Dupont Park which is filled green rolling hills, and the high ground at Washington Overlook and Our Lady Perpetual Help Church, which is one of the oldest Catholic churches in the area,

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Some D.C. Public School Cafeterias Fail to Make the Grade

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Contributing Writer

D.C.'s public school cafeterias have not made the grade for health inspector's standards. D.C. Health Department has been inspecting school cafeterias around the District for the past two months. 14 out of 52 District public schools were unsatisfactory as well as unsanitary according to the Health Department standards.

Pierre Laurent, Office of Communication and Public Information for D.C. Public Schools explained, "Many of the school cafeterias were not satisfactory due to the trash and debris left around the food areas, this then attracted rodents and roaches." Though areas of the cafeteria were proven to be unsanitary, Pierre stated that the student's health was not affected by these conditions.

According to The Washington Post the serious

problems seemed to reside at Shaw Junior High School. Their problems with roaches and rodents were a direct result of faulty procedure by cafeteria workers.

In September inspectors found an array of unsanitary conditions within the cafeteria. Two dead mice near the ovens, a grease trap with live roaches and flies, a refrigerator with a temperature of 56 degrees, and a bathroom door in the kitchen that was left open most of the time.

Since the inspection in September, inspectors returned to Shaw on two different occasions, Oct 3 and 18 and conditions were improved.

Internal investigations are continuing to be held. "Everyone is being held accountable, housekeeping, the kitchen staff, and school custodians. Food Personnel is currently being retrained and everyone is now assigned to their own personal duties."

Pierre confirmed.

Superintendent Paul L. Vance has held many accountable for the conditions in public schools. He did not take this issue lightly and proved this was a serious matter when he placed Shaw employees on administrative leave with pay. These members included the Principal Gregory Thomas, four food service employees and the head custodian at the school.

In efforts to improve cafeteria conditions Pierre stated, "Health Services are returning until standards are meant." There are 140 schools that currently need inspection. Paul stated that school officials requested that the rest of the system's cafeterias be inspected within the next 90 days

(Some information taken from Washington Post- 14 School Cafeterias Faulted on Sanitation by Justin Blum and Avram Goldstein October 29, 2002)

Liberty University Plans to Open Law School

By Ashley Kelley
Contributing Writer

Liberty University, in Lynchburg, VA, plans to open a law school as early as next fall.

The first class of the new law school will be relatively small. The law school has estimated about 100 students in the school's first year. Within five years, the school plans to increase enrollment to about 400 students.

Many graduates from Liberty have practiced law at universities such as Duke University and the University of Virginia, but the focus of these institutions is not the same as Liberty's.

In an interview with the associated press, Reverend Jerry Falwell, the chancellor and founder of Liberty University and current LAW SCHOOL PROFESSORS SAID THEIR GOAL IS TO train conservative lawyers who will defend religious rights.

The law school will not

focus on criminal and civil areas of law; instead, its focus will be rooted in Christian principles. The new law school that is scheduled to open in time for the next school year, will not be accredited.

A school may only receive accreditation from the American Bar Association after one academic year. They must also meet standards on curriculum, admissions, faculty and facilities. A task, which has been difficult for other Christian, based law institutions.

Regent University, a Christian school in Virginia Beach faced problems from the ABA during its accreditation process. The dean of Regent, Jeff Brauch said in an interview with the Virginia News Advance, that the school faced skepticism from the ABA as to whether a Christian school could provide an adequate legal education. The ABA was unable to comment on this at press time.

Although Regent opened its doors in 1986 it did not receive provisional accreditation until 1989. Full accreditation was awarded to the university until 1996.

One problem that prevented Regent University from reviewing accreditation was its lack of resources. Resources and the means by which the university will pay for them are among the concerns of the ABA.

One of the most expensive resources for the new law school will be a library.

Liberty's president, John Borek, said the expenses of the new law school with not be paid for with undergraduate money. He said there are enough law applicants to fulfill the school's expenses.

To cut further costs, the law school will not be separate from Liberty's main campus when it opens. The school plans to use current buildings and possibly add on as the school year progresses.

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located on 1600 Morris Rd.

Southeast is also the host of other main attractions that serve a role in history. The most noted by Southeast locals is The Frederick Douglass National Historic Museum located on 1411 W Street and; The Anacostia Museum and Center for African-American History and Culture located on 1901 Fort Place. Other sites include George Bell's School, the first school to educate African-American youth, located on 3rd and D Street.

Many Southeast residents take much pride in their areas. On warm days they show their pride through festivals such as Unifest, sponsored in part by the Union Temple Baptist Church. The Unifest includes concerts, awareness fairs and participating in The Petersburg's Day celebration that honors a local resident that was famous for doing community service.

Another famous tradition that can be found in Southeast

is going to the Eastern Market. The Eastern Market has been in the Capitol Hill area of Southeast since 1873. It is located on 225 7th Street and has a log legacy of providing consumers with where consumers can buy a wide range of goods.

"The people in Southeast are more friendly and they will open up to you," said Fennell

Fennell spent time in Berry Farms as a child. She remembers the candy lady that used to sell fish dinners, Cool-aid freeze cups, and hosted card games. As a child she would play on the World's Largest Chair in Anacostia that stands 19 feet tall.

Restaurants are also a highlight in the Southeast area with venues such as Mama Cole's The Imani Cafe, and Horse and Dickey. Other highlights include the new Safeway on Alabama Avenue. This retail center is the largest commercial development in Anacostia in twenty years, and the first large/chain grocery

store in the community. In addition, Venus and Serena Williams donated a Tennis Park on Mississippi Avenue.

On any particular day Southeast locals can be seen waiting on buses, conversing with friends, panhandling goods, or walking with their bags just walking to get to their destination. Southeast is a very physically and economically diverse community oriented section of the city where it is common for locals know each other by name.

"What's unique about S.E. is it includes all walks of life ...you can walk from one block to another and swear you were in another part of town", said Letesha Hudson, senior African-American Studies major.

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will receive a tee shirt for participating. Registration for the walk is as follows: Advance registration (before November 10, 2002) is available on-line at www.helpthehomelessdc.org with a credit card or registration is available by mail at the following address: Help the Homeless, c/o Laser Registration, 1200 G Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20005. Registration is also available the day of the walk starting at 7:00 am and the walk starts at 9:00 am.

Following the walk, there will be light refreshments. This year we want to make the walk more festive and we want to show greater thanks for the participants, so the Fannie Mae Foundation is throwing a block party, said Ed Davies. However, he could not tell who was performing.

The Homeless Walk is open to all, and Howard University students are welcome to participate. There will be a booth available to earn four community service credit hours. There will be forms available to fill out and turn it

in to your school for credit. Currently, many Howard University organizations haven't made definite plans to attend the walk, however they are seriously considering it. Two organizations have confirmed their plans to attend. Angela Dzuro-Quick Vice president of Circle K, a community service organization on campus said "We have participated in the walk for the past three years and we except 60-70 Circle K members to participate this year." Also, Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity will be walking this year.

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against the UNC, that of voter fraud. A call was made to the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) for a commission of enquiry.

With these charges leveled against them and continuing rumors of corruption spreading throughout the country and the party, Prime Minister Basdeo Panday (political leader of the UNC), was forced to call elections on December 10, 2001.

A year later and Trinidad and Tobago prepares yet again to vote. Surprisingly, or then again maybe not, the results of these elections listed an 18 - 18 standoff between the UNC and the PNM.

At this point, an agreement was made to allow the President Arthur N. R. Robinson to decide which party would form the government. The President selected Patrick Manning to head the new government citing, "It is a burden which I would have preferred not to have to carry."

Now, the PNM was faced with forming a government, convening a sitting of Parliament and getting the country on track without a majority in the House of Representatives.

And that brings us back to our beginning: General Elections held on Monday, October 7, 2002, only a year into the PNM's term.

Why? Twelve months have passed and they were unable to convene Parliament and thus were left without a budget. Why is it so hard to vote for the appropriate representatives to deal with the problems at hand? Why has there been such difficulty for Trinidad and Tobago in the last couple years to get voters to analyze the real issues facing the nation?

"Is it that as a population we are not yet mature enough to understand, in a profound way, the issues that should compete, in a quest to form governments?" asks a former UNC senator, Raziah Ahmed.

Ahmed answers that, "...without the ability to defer gratification... the patience that it requires to get everyone in school, we position ourselves on a road to upward spiraling inflation... and we will remain merely pitching marbles, playing in the dust as it were, on the global frontiers of sustainable development initiatives."

This is where Trinidad and Tobago stands, poised to step forward in the hope that it will produce more than another year of walking the tightrope between seemingly unforgiving opposition and people who are getting fed up of voting year after year.

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News

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fied as Williamson, walking past her door. The two men later spoke to the resident and Williamson left a business card, which allowed her to confirm his identity.

Despite the two staff members and a resident positively identifying Williamson, he initially denied being in the building.

"I was never in the building; I have no clue what they [the resident and Annex staff members] are talking about," Williamson said. "From midnight to 3 a.m. I was at a social gathering with at least seven other people one of whom was a Resident Assistant in the Annex."

Williamson in a later interview admitted to have lied about

not being in the building.

"I was in the Annex on Friday night and I was not properly signed in," Williamson said. "I was with a friend and he was looking for a female friend, but he did not know exactly what floor."

The Interim Dean of Residence Life, Franklin Chambers, said the policy for trespassing in dorms usually results in the individual being barred from the building.

"The case involving Williamson has more serious allegations," Chambers said. "We will be adjudicating the case and make our recommendations to the Dean of Special Student Services."

The campus police said the investigation is ongoing.

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munity and current local events.

Students also meet with leaders of the area and learn what it means to be a member of Project C.H.A.N.G.E. When they finish this training, they are committed to working one year or 900 hours, averaging approximately 20 hours a week.

The duties of the Corps members fall under four categories. The education aspect involves tutoring, mentoring younger students, and helping school staff in areas such as feeding programs.

The health aspect comprises of free clinics and work with Howard University Hospital.

Senior services and community development works with local community devel-

opment organizations.

Project C.H.A.N.G.E. also focuses on the digital divide in that a main goal is to ensure that the local community is exposed to technology and its many uses.

"The only drawback that I can see is that my term will have to come to an end," Auguste said. "I won't be able to see the children that I work with grow to high school, college, and beyond."

She works at Gage-Eckington Elementary School and realizes that through this program, the children get to see positive black role models on a regular basis.

Project C.H.A.N.G.E. is the only Howard University recognized Americorps program. It is sponsored by the University and is located on 2731 Georgia Ave.

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are pushing to ban smoking in two other areas— beaches and parks.

"Our parks don't allow alcoholic beverages. Our parks don't allow dogs in a lot of them. They don't allow loud music," said Joe Cherner, the city's leading anti-smoking spokesman. "But they still allow smoking."

This proposed law has created a stir all over the city.

"Smokers only think about themselves when they light up in restaurants, they don't think that they are hurting anyone else's health—but they are," said Simone Nunez, a New York City resident. "Those smoking and non-smoking sections never work out because the smoke and smell of the cigarettes travel all over, not just on one side of the room."

Anti-smokers agree with the proposition calling it a "way to better public health".

"New York is a bellwether and a city that many others look toward as a leader," Timothy Miller, associate director of Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, said. "If New York City were to do something that included restaurants and bars, it would be a great step forward in public health."

Audrey Silk, founder of the smoker-right group NYC CLASH agrees with New York being a model city for others, which is exactly why the anti-smoking ban will hurt the City. "New York is the capital of the world. The charm of New York is our differences. Now you want to create this bland, faceless city?"

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NCAA from A1

minority athletes are less prepared for competition in classrooms, a report issued by the NCAA earlier this month shows that African-American athletes graduate at a higher rate (43 percent) than their peers (34 percent) including athletes in high profile sports such as basketball (35 percent) and football (45 percent).

"This is data-based," Robert Hemenway, chairman of the NCAA Board of Directors which passed the

reform, said in a press release Friday. "The fact is that success in high school core courses is the best predictor we have for success in the first year in college."

Although the new reform eliminates the base SAT score, new regulations require student-athletes show a greater progression towards their degrees once they are in college. Formerly, the NCAA had a 25-50-70 rule, meaning that in order to be eligible a student must have completed 25 per-

cent of necessary courses entering the third year, 50 percent entering the fourth year and 70 percent entering the fifth. The new package ups the requirement to 40-60-80.

In addition, student-athletes must complete 24 hours by the end of the second year with a 1.8 GPA, only six of which can be in remedial courses. Until now, up to half of the completed hours could be in remedial courses and each institution could determine its own GPA require-

ment.

Though the new reform package will not affect recruits to the University given Howard's base admissions standards, Norrell-Thomas said she and other groups fought for the changes on behalf of all minority athletes.

"We're very pleased that now there will be a lot more opportunities for African-American athletes in colleges and universities across the country," Norrell-Thomas said.

HAUNTED from A1

the cold to get to the house, a DJ kept eager horror seekers entertained. Students were bundled in groups trying to stay warm, while emulating the moves to Michael Jackson's song, "Thriller."

Sophomore Eric Homes said it was good to see Howard having school spirit and taking part in a safe way to be scared.

Once attendees entered the house, they were given a brief information session to

insure safety. Each group of ten had a tour guide. Monsters and zombies jumped out at attendees suddenly, screams could be heard echoing in the halls.

Marcy Mason, a D.C. resident, took her son Eric Mason to the haunted house.

"He came home with a flyer and said Mommy, please take me to the haunted house at Howard," Mason said.

The fifth grader at Cleveland Elementary enjoyed the haunted house.

"People were coming out of nowhere and some people were acting like they were dead," ten-year-old Mason said.

Senior Chiz Egbuonu exited the haunted house still screaming.

"It was scary, scary, scary," Egbuonu said. "It was better than any haunted house I have been in and it was free."

This event took about a month of planning and the dedication of approximately 60 student volunteers.

The Interim Dean of Residence Life said the event was a success and students and community members were thrilled.

"We wanted to involve the community so we sent out fliers to the schools," Chambers said. "At least ten girls were so scared I had to escort them [out because] they could not make it through."

The Office of Residence Life is anticipating an even greater Haunted Hilltop next year.

MCCALL from A1

who has spent over \$40 million, was rumored to be dropping out of the race to endorse McCall at the time of McAuliffe's decision.

It was expected that this would have given McCall's campaign the push it needed to gain

some points on Pataki. However, on Sunday, Golisano declared his intention to continue in the race.

"It is unfortunate that an African American couldn't have been supported and funded enough to at least have a chance in this 2002 year election," Metemoya Webb, a junior print

journalism major said. "Maybe it was a conspiracy from the beginning."

Could the decision have been an issue of race? A conspiracy? If elected, McCall would become the first African American governor of New York.

At the time of the Democrat

decision, McCall was only 16 percent behind Pataki.

"It would have been a milestone [if he was elected]," Johnson said. "But I would be more concerned about the changes he made for New York if elected, than about his race."

MONEY from A7

provinces. The increasing inflow of U.S. aid in dollars has also contributed to the volatility of the market, but ul-Haq remains confident that the Afghani would stabilize "as the power of local warlords diminishes and security improves."

Afghanistan is one of the poorest, most isolated countries in the world and has long suffered from economic instability. Over the last 20 years, the country has struggled with extreme poverty, natural disasters such as earthquakes and droughts, refugee

migrants and devastated infrastructure caused by factional fighting and years of Taliban rule.

The breakdown of the central government, due mainly to civil strife, led the warlords, along with various other remote groups and factions to print their own cash so as to support themselves, making counterfeit money and the use of different currencies rampant.

The Central Bank had no control over the monetary system before the introduction of the new currency and the absence of fiscal accounting measures during years of Taliban rule has made any reconstruction of the economic system difficult.

This new homogeneity in

currency is viewed as a means of "centralizing government control," and western diplomats are praising the issuance of the new money as a sign of returning stability to the region.

Experts state that this single currency will function positively by "promoting the country's economic development, regulating banking activities, ensuring that taxes are paid and that government workers receive salaries after having not been paid for years, or months."

Some people believe the new currency will benefit the United States more than the Afghan people. A lot of rebuilding has been needed in Afghanistan since the

Soviet War and the recent war has only worsened conditions for the country.

"The new currency is just another means of the U.S. controlling Afghanistan," Nicholas Warner, a junior finance major, said.

"Reconstruction and better governance" as argued by international diplomats will ensure that Afghanistan will never again become a haven for such groups as al Qaeda. Rebuilding the region through the stabilization of the currency will act as an incentive to foreign investment and a spur for global trade, by providing "further opportunities for local industry and entrepreneurs."

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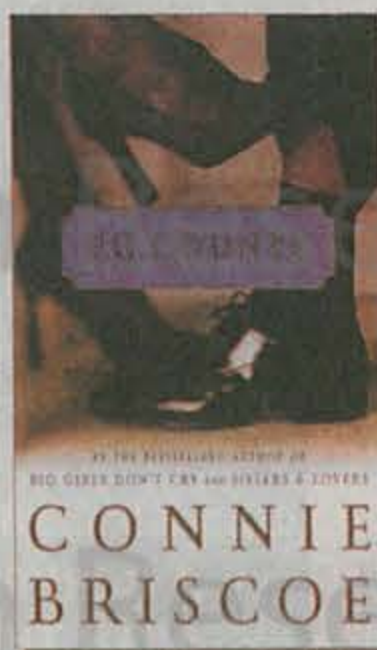
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Linebacker Greg Spriggs (31) blocks Spartan kicker Gideon Tekola's punt as defensive back Donald Lank (2) rushes to help. Lank returned the blocked kick two yards for the Bison's first touchdown Saturday

Petty Gets Revenge, Shutout

Bison defense holds coach's former team, 21-0

By Soraya N. McDonald
Contributing Writer

The grin on Coach Ray Petty's face could not have been any bigger after Howard's 21-0 home shutout victory over Norfolk State University.

"You always want to beat your good friend—and he did that," said Spartan head coach Mo Forte after the game. Saturday's battle seemed almost fraternal, like any other between two good friends, only Petty got to beat his friend before a crowd of 5,200.

All season, the Bison have struggled to prove themselves as MEAC contenders. With Saturday's victory, won with four quarterbacks, an offensive line whose personnel changes weekly, and an injured punter/place-kicker, it's doubtful that anyone is taking the Howard football team (5-3 overall 3-2 MEAC) for granted anymore. The shutout marks the Bison's first of the season, the last one coming two years ago, ironically enough against a Spartan team that saw Petty as defensive coordinator.

"Being an ex-Norfolk State coach and being on the staff there, we did have an idea of what they liked to do... that was definitely, definitely an advantage as far as the game plan was concerned," current Bison defensive coordinator Keith Gilmore said.

Senior defensive back Donald Lank scored the first touchdown of the game, a two-yard run after recovering a blocked punt by senior linebacker Greg Spriggs, who was named the MEAC Special Teams Player of the Week.

"That's a horrible way to start a football game right there," said Forte of the Spartan's early misfortune.

After completing only one pass, senior quarterback Donald Clark made an early exit in the first quarter, suffering from bruised ribs. Sophomore Marcos Moreno filled in for Clark under center, a job that largely entailed handing off to junior running

back Jay Colbert, who accounted for 155 of the Bison's 179 rushing yards, including a 46-yard touchdown run with five minutes remaining in the first half.

"I thought he played an



Safety Vontrae Long returns an interception 37 yards against the Spartans.

outstanding football game; he has a lot of promise and he broke a lot of tackles today," Forte said. "He's a good football player; there's no question about that."

In the third quarter, Moreno exploited the conference's worst secondary for his first touchdown pass of the season, a 19-yard bomb to wide receiver Jonathan Brewer. Punter and place-kicker Vaughn Waters, who had been unable to play on a sprained left MCL he sustained two games earlier, iced the extra point to put the team up 21-0. Despite the injury, Waters went 3-3 in PAT attempts.

In the same quarter, after a nine-yard run of his own, Moreno was sidelined with an injured shoulder, leaving freshman Reggie Burgin and red-shirt sophomore Antoine Hartfield to finish the job of leading the Bison offense.

The Bison defense looked like a team of bouncers, keeping the Spartans out of "club red zone" all day.

Aided by Petty's familiarity with Spartan football schemes he helped create and a trio of Norfolk State refugees (defensive backs coach Ron

Bolton, offensive line coach Jonathan Cannon and defensive coordinator Keith Gilmore all coached the Spartans last season) the Bison defense went on the field Saturday feeling confident that they



Photo by Mark Coleman

knew their opponent.

"Defensively, I think this was probably our best game of the whole season," said senior defensive lineman Charles Woodall, who led the Bison defense with eight tackles, including a sack for a loss of nine yards.

With 13 minutes left in the game and Norfolk trying desperately to score from the Howard 31-yard line, Spartan quarterback David Johnson threw a pass over the middle that was intercepted by safety Vontrae Long for a 37-yard return in a huge play for the Bison secondary.

Special teams carried on the relentless Bison attack, adding insult to injury early in the fourth quarter when senior running back Vincent Neclos forced a fumble with an earth-shaking hit to punter Gideon Tekola that left the player prone after the play.

"I told him I was coming back for him," Neclos said.

Neclos and sophomore offensive lineman Willie Shine played in their first games since sustaining injuries early in the season that sent Petty scrambling for replacements.

"I know that Howard's going to have a winning season because this year is a different Howard football team," defensive end Lemont Williams said.

The Bison will do battle against their two toughest opponents this year in their next two games against South Carolina State University and undefeated Bethune-Cookman College. The teams are ranked number 2 and 1 in MEAC, respectively.

Women's Basketball Routs M.I. Express

By Chauna Bryant
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard University Women's Basketball team kicked off their preseason with an 82-66 win against the M.I. Express in an exhibition game Sunday night in Burr gymnasium.

Junior forward Shauna Ruglass posted a double-double, leading the team in scoring and rebounding. Ruglass put up 20 points, shooting 10-13 from the charity stripe, 12 rebounds and 4 blocks.

M.I. Express starters Francis and Steel each posted 16 points for the team. As a semi-professional basketball team named after its owner Michael Ivy, the M.I. Express is comprised of graduates from various schools including Old Dominion University, Hampton University and Military.

The Lady Bison led throughout the entire game, a factor which Lady Bison head coach Cathy Parson credits to the team's excellent conditioning.

"We played a mature club tonight, they are all very experienced but they are not in as great as shape as us. They don't practice everyday and I think that is what prevailed in the end," Parson said.

M.I. Express Head coach Denise Booker admitted that she expected the score to be closer, but says her team beat themselves.

"We are not clicking yet; this was our first game in a 15-game season. Once we get that click going we will be alright," Booker said. "Next time we will come to beat up on Howard, instead of Howard beating up on us."

Lady Bison forward Courtney Kirk is hopeful that preseason games will help the team to gel together.

"We are a young team and we were trying to iron out the kinks, we had a lot of growing up to do. Hopefully, by the end of the season everything will come together," Kirk said.

The Lady Bison are headed into the preseason plagued



Photo by Carroll Smith
Shauna Ruglass double-double led the Lady Bison.

by injuries, with four of 13 of the team's scholarship holders sidelined.

Junior guard Essence Coggins, 2000-2001 MEAC Rookie of the Year, is recovering from surgery and according to Parson may end up redshirting this year. Freshman center Tracy Suggs, a 6'5" freshman from Cranston, RI, is out due to a knee injury and will undergo arthroscopic surgery to determine the extent of her injuries. Parson is still confident of the Lady Bison's ability to perform.

"We have a very solid team and we are working to get things together but sometimes you are confronted with some conflicts and obstacles on your way and based on all of the things that we've been through as a team, the team is doing well," Parson said.

Because of all the injuries the Lady Bison coaching staff took on six walk-ons bringing the team roster to 19. Parson says she will try to accommodate all of the players, though some will have to accept their lack of playing time.

The Lady Bison will play in a scrimmage at American University on November 10, while M. I. Express goes on to play Hampton University on November 6.



Photo by Mark Coleman
Freshman goaltender Jason Williams got his first shutout victory of the season Sunday in a 2-0 win over Philadelphia. Senior Taj Alvarenga also netted his first goal of the season. For his performance, Williams was named ASC Rookie and Player of the Week.

INSIDE THE GAME

179

Bison Net Rushing Yards

19

Spartan Net Rushing Yards

0/0

Spartans' Red Zone

Scores/Chances

4

Total Bison Quarterbacks Used
Saturday



SPORTS



Charles Woodall
Position: Defensive Linesman
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 290 lb.
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
Classification: Senior

Woodall led all Bison with five solo tackles and three assists and was a key part of the Bison's 21-0 shutout over Norfolk State. The Philadelphia native also recorded a sack for a 9-yard loss.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Maryland Produces Landmark Tie Against No. 2 North Carolina

By Ryan Young
The Diamondback (U. Maryland)

(U-WIRE) CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - It wasn't a win for the Terrapin women's soccer team, not on the scoreboard at least.

But a 1-1 tie Friday at No. 2-ranked North Carolina's Fetzer Field was a victory in its own right for the Terps, who had lost all 18 previous meetings with the Tar Heels by a combined 79-1 margin.

"It definitely is a step in the right direction," junior defender Lindsay Givens said. "Obviously, we would have loved to win the game, but I just think it shows how much heart our team has."

As much of an accomplishment as Friday's tie was for the team, it carried a special significance for Terp coach Shannon Higgins-Cirovski, who had her No. 3 jersey retired by the Tar Heels after a stellar collegiate career playing under Tar Heels coach Anson Dorrance.

"I take a lot of pride in coming back and playing my college coach," Higgins-Cirovski said. "The biggest thing I ever walk away from the game thinking is I'd love for Anson to say, 'Hey, your team's good.'"

As the two teams walked off the field after the double-overtime affair, Dorrance gave Higgins-Cirovski a hug and that compliment.

"I congratulated her, and I basically told her she has an excellent team," Dorrance said. "They played very well. They've never tied us before, and I think that's to her credit. She has prepared such a fine team, they can come down here on our field and

tie us."

North Carolina (14-1-4, 4-1-2 ACC) took an early lead when sophomore forward Anne Morrell scored on a give-and-go from freshman forward Lindsay Tarpley at 13:32.

But as she has done all season, junior goalkeeper Kristen Barnhill buckled down. The Tar Heels, who clinched a first place ACC finish with the tie, had 19 shots in the contest, but they didn't score again.

The No. 23 Terps (11-6-1, 3-3-1) met a similar challenge in North Carolina's revolving-door goalkeeper situation. Senior keeper Jenni Branam and freshman Aly Winget each played two separate stretches in the game. And both played well, stopping all of the Terps' scoring opportunities around the goal. With the offense struggling to find the back of the net, Givens took the game into her own hands, literally.

At 47:52, Givens ran from the backfield to take a throw-in from the left side, deep in the offensive zone. Givens, generally considered the ACC's top throw-in specialist, launched the ball towards the net. It bounced off North Carolina midfielder Anne Felts and past Winget into the net for her second career goal.

"I just wanted to throw it into the net because I was so frustrated," Givens said. "It was just amazing. I never score goals, so it was just exciting."

Givens typically sends the ball to the near post, farther than any opposing player has been able to do all season against the Terps. But this time, it had a little something extra on it.

Black College Football Roundup

By Michael T. Lyle, Jr.
Contributing Writer

Fourteen teams, one national Black College Football Champion.

That's the current picture at the midway point of the 2002 Black College Football season. Three teams from the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC), two in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC), three in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and, of course, six from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) are battling for top seeds in the final weeks of the campaign.

MEAC
Led by junior quarterback Allen Suber, the undefeated and revamped Bethune-Cookman Wildcats, who are ranked 10th in the Division I-AA poll, escaped with a 13-12 victory at North Carolina A&T over the weekend. They need to win their last three games of the season to clinch the MEAC regular season title.

Suber has done most of the offensive work for the Wildcats (5-0 in MEAC), passing for 1,206 yards and rushing for 992 more. He's got help up front from Erick Lash, who leads the team with 572 yards receiving. The duo could be the potent one-two punch that carries the Wildcats through the Division I-AA playoffs later this month.

Meanwhile, five other teams remain in the hunt for the MEAC title. Howard, Florida A&M and Morgan State posted victories over the weekend to keep pace with Bethune-Cookman. The Bison (3-2) have three critical match-ups coming up in the next few weeks. They travel to South Carolina State this Saturday in a decisive contest against the Bulldogs, who fell to Delaware State, 27-21. Next, they have to become the first team to knock the Wildcats from the ranks of the unbeaten—in Daytona Beach.

That could prove a daunting task unless the Bison can summon up memories of their week 6 upset over Florida A&M

in Tallahassee, where they had never won.

FAMU is currently in second place, followed by the Bulldogs, the Bison, Hampton and Morgan State all sharing the same conference record at 3-2. The Bulldogs, who are led by junior quarterback Reese McCampbell, had their way with the Pirates in Week 9, 47-41. If the season were to end today, South Carolina State would win the tie-breaker. They meet

Virginia Union were battling with Bowie for second place, but the Trojans eliminated the Panthers from playoff contention in the Gold Bowl, 21-14, making it a two team race. Led by senior defensive lineman and Howard transfer Damian Walker and junior defensive linebacker Charles Alston, the Bulldogs (4-2 CIAA) simply have to beat Virginia State (4-2) for a rematch with Fayetteville State in the title

threw for 532 yards and five scores in his team's win at Texas Southern. Alabama A&M (4-0 SWAC) can clinch the Eastern Division crown if they also win their last three contests against conference foes Jackson State, Alcorn State and Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

INDEPENDENTS

The Independent circuit has served as a punching bag for MEAC schools, as teams like Morris Brown (1-8) and Savannah State (1-7) have gone a combined 0-9 against the conference.

The Wolverines only victory of the season came in Week 4 against inner-city rival Clark University, while Savannah State took care of the Wolverines in a Week 8

matchup.

Morris Brown has two more contests against MEAC schools

Morgan State and the season

finale against reeling Norfolk State.

It's down to a two-team race in the SIAC. Fort Valley State (6-1) and Tuskegee (5-1) are the front-runners in the conference.

The Wildcats hold a half-game lead over the Golden Tigers, but Tuskegee holds the tie-breaking advantage

should both teams finish with identical records.

Junior quarterback Terrence Jones was recently named offensive player of the week for Fort Valley. He

threw for 288 yards and two touchdowns in the Wildcats' win over the Golden Tigers.

He has thrown for 1,549 yards and 12 TD's. Running back David Washington, the son of Academy Award-winning actor Denzel Washington, has rushed for a mediocre 243 yards this season for Morehouse (3-2), which is good for third-best in the conference. He had a season-high 132 yards rushing in the team's 23-14 victory against Benedict in Week 4.

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From left, Morehouse running back John David Washington, Grambling quarterback Bruce Eugene and Grambling head coach Doug Williams.

round. SWAC

Morgan State in a critical Week 12 match-up. McCampbell leads the conference with 1,571 yards passing and is second with 660 yards rushing. Timothy Frazier controls the helm for the Pirates at quarterback. He's thrown for 1,107 yards and eight touchdowns this season.

CIAA

All eyes will be on the local Division II Bulldogs of Bowie State University, as the program is just one win away from clinching their first Eastern Division crown, as well as a berth in the championship game. The Bulldogs could have closed out the division, but they fell in a close contest with Western Division champion Fayetteville State, 13-7, on Saturday. Virginia State and

rebound shot, made a huge save to preserve the tie.

In the closing seconds, redshirt freshman forward Kimmy Francis sent the ball flying toward the top of the goal, but Winget came up with the huge save to send the game into overtime. Two overtime periods did not produce a winner between the ACC foes.

"After this game, I think our team knows that we can play with absolutely anybody," Andrzejewski said. "We had so many opportunities. We all are leaving the field right now knowing we could and should have won that game."

The Terps and Tar Heels walked off the field with different emotions. While the tie signaled a big step forward for the Terps, it showed the uncharacteristic vulnerability of a Tar Heels program that has won the national championship 17 of the past 21 seasons. The tie is the second-straight at home for North Carolina, marking the first time since 1980 it has tied or lost more than one game at Fetzer in a season.

"It's the great media event to make the profound discovery that this isn't one of our best seasons, but I think the University of North Carolina still finished first in

the regular season," Dorrance said. "So instead of trying to hold our team to a ridiculous standard, we should congratulate them. They're ACC champions right now."

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Life & Style

Is it Just Me?

By Meredith Moore

Does anyone else want to be a truck driver? I do. On those long Tuesdays and Thursdays as I sit in one desk and then another, I dream. Of open roads, a steering wheel, and one of those levers truckers pull to honk their horn. I figure I'm already spending my whole day sitting here, at least as a truck driver I can see America. And who doesn't want to travel. Driving from state to state, from Motel 6 to Howard Johnson, eating corn dogs and caramel apples. Popping No Doze to get my through the interstate. That's not far from my current Howard existence. There are books on tape- I could learn WHILE I drive! This is what my educational career has come to.

I want to be a truck driver.

Especially in times like this when snipers are attacking people for no reason. I long for a simpler life. Where my day-to-day life lessons have more to do with my life. And I know, even truck drivers don't have perfect lives.

I saw that movie Joy Ride, but a girl can dream can't she? It just seems to me like it's a constant uphill battle and I'd appreciate a small reward, break, anything.

Everybody has that fall-back career in case we fail out of school. Some are just more realistic than others. One of my friends just wants to get married and start having kids; another will gladly give up the towers for the circus.

At one point I considered the Army but I am trying to avoid work and responsibility. Ok so my point has gotten lost- I will get a degree and an education, but some days it seems so tedious, so far away that I just want to hit the highway. But maybe it is just me.

A Powerhouse of Sound

By Jennifer L. Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

We are all tired of the era of music without substance, soul without conviction, and lyrics filled with meaningless topics. (Do I honestly care about all the ice you have? Am I going to get any of it?)

That's why, in a sea of Ashanti's and J'Lo's, Yasmeeen's melodic voice is a sweet, powerful melodic shift from the norm. Yasmeeen's debut CD, "When Will It Be Me," a Magic Johnson/MCA Records production attempts to show the range that Yasmeeen's voice possesses, with only a few missteps.

From the upbeat "Blue Jeans" to the soulful "When Will It Be Me?," Yasmeeen showcases her range and talent in a variety of songs that vary in tempo and style. She seemingly uses very little effort

and energy to keep a listener captivated by her harmonious voice, while at the same time giving her all in nearly every song on the album. Her fresh

Yasmeeen's talent is also surprising, being that she is only 19 years of age. Born in Oakland, Calif., she relocated to Hawaii at the age of 7.

"From day one, I've been surrounded by music," Yasmeeen said.

As Yasmeeen grew, she joined a number of local choirs, which helped sharpen this young talent's voice. She also went on to win a state-wide talent competition. Among other influences, she sights a close cousin as the main reason she decided to pursue a career in



File Photo

Yasmeeen is a welcome change from the slew of R&B artists.

voice also provides one with a welcome addition to the music scene chock-full of processed, counterfeit bubble-gum "divas" who rely heavily on looks to keep their records sales up, without having much to speak of in terms of talent or variety.

music.

"That's the main reason I started singing," Yasmeeen said. "She was just someone I really looked up to." Yasmeeen's CD is pleasingly and consistently solid, with the

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VIP Frank Weaver

By Melanie M. Clarke
Hilltop Staff Writer

Frank Weaver has a resume longer than most Thanksgiving grocery lists and it has a few things some people want for Christmas. It lists a B.S., an M.B.A and a pair of honorary doctorate degrees. It also lists a presidential appointment from Bill Clinton.

Weaver is currently Director of Telecommunications Policy at the Boeing Company where this year he proposed an idea that resulted in Boeing lending its resources and locations to broadcast Howard's homecoming game to six cities across the country.

His standard responsibilities include securing licensing from the FCC. To break it down, he's the "go-to" man Boeing counts on to make sure the government lets them use outer space as workspace. Weaver has the ability and authority to obtain such a license, and he does it for a company that earned over \$58 billion in revenue last year.



Frank Weaver.

Weaver is an only child who grew up in Tarboro, N.C. with his parents. At age ten, he and his family moved to Raleigh. When he graduated from Howard with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, he relocated for his full-time job as an assistant sales engineer at Westinghouse in Philadelphia.

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Crop Formations: More Than Just a Movie

By Rhasheema Sweeting
Hilltop Staff Writer

First, a crackling sound is heard. Then, balls of flashing lights hover over the field. Twenty seconds later, as the lights fade, a section of the field below is flattened, revealing a unique circular pattern. Based on the few eyewitness accounts, this general account demonstrates how a typical crop formation is created.

In addition, most also describe an invisible force, similar to a ferocious gust of wind, that arises out of nowhere. Amidst otherwise calm conditions, this unseen energy usurps temporary control, commanding the crops to fall prostrate at a near 90 degree angle to the ground.

Long before the movie, "Signs", crop formations have appeared in over 70 countries across the world, affecting all types of crops including

wheat, barley, potatoes, corn, and rice.

Farmers recall leaving their fields at night and returning at dawn, discovering the unusual formation created seemingly effortlessly, with no indications of entry or exit in the surrounding crop.

The crop appears to be exposed to a transient yet concentrated surge of heat, which weakens the stem.

Surprisingly, after the transformation, the stems re-harden, enduringly molded into their new permanent positions without damage, where they continue to grow and develop, if left untouched.

A perfect Celtic cross design with one arrow aimed directly towards the British

Prime Minister's residence emerged one night in 1991. The prime minister's residence, a maximum security zone of several dozen acres manned 24-hours a day and closely guarded by expert troops, seemed impossible to penetrate from any direction.



Photo courtesy of www.eclipse.co.uk
Pictured is an aerial photo of a Crop Circle.

Instead of attributing a rift in security, the prime minister blamed the incident on poor soil conditions.

Although the first recorded crop circle occurred in 1590 in Holland, crop circles first entered public interest in the late 1970s in southern

England. As this new fascination spread, as many as five formations per night were reported in England, the location of the majority of the world's crop circles. Citings also flooded in from Italy, Siberia, Germany, Australia, Japan, Peru, Norway, Canada, and the United States.

Originally demonstrating only simple circular patterns,

crop circles evolved to more complex and intricate pattern formations, causing some to appear as three-dimensional cubes and pyramids when viewed from the sky. Double-helices, asteroid belts, eclipses, and moon phases were cited in more elaborate formations.

Crop circles exhibit perfect mathematical proportions similar to the Golden Mean, the ratio associated with the growth patterns of organisms like shells, sunflowers, and galaxies, and also found in the spatial relationship of the bone structure of the human body.

Crop circles have reportedly had an eerie presence on the surrounding areas. They have been held responsible for altering the electromagnetic fields, rendering compasses useless and also causing fail-

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Georgetown Store FCUK's Up the Competition

By Jennifer L. Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

Clothing and style are definitely important to many students that attend Howard. For that reason, many fashionistas who are in the know make frequent trips to Georgetown in search of a hot new outfit. For forward thinking fashions that are timeless and well crafted, one needs to look no further than FCUK (French Connection United Kingdom). FCUK, a unisex boutique nestled in the heart of Georgetown, is a store satiated with various quirks. One only has to walk in to see a shirt emblazoned with a message like "Possibly... The Best FCUK Ever," or the ever-popular "Lucky FCUK."

With this in mind, whomever ventures into FCUK needs to be prepared to be inundated with edgy pieces designed to make passer-bys do a quick double take. Furthermore, FCUK is a store that contains extremely pleasant, fashionable and opinionat-

ed sales specialists, who are helpful and creative. With the imminent threat of a chilly fall and an unbearably cold winter looming over our heads, FCUK's fall/winter line is chock full of fashions guaranteed to keep you warm, and looking good. A welcome change in this season's clothing is the reintroduction of pastels and vintage fabrics, such as velvet, and an embracing of the color white.

"For women, full skirts, big belts, tuxedo pants, and cardigans are definitely hot for the fall and winter," said Rashida Lambert, an FCUK sales specialist. "Also, skin is definitely in right now, regardless of how chilly it may become."

Additionally, sexy trench coats, form fitting knit sweaters, and items in materials such as angora or cashmere are also fashionable for the cold months ahead. There is also a return to wearing tight, form-fitting tops with baggy pants and heels for a stylish and sexy guy-inspired look. For men, FCUK's fall/winter line is full of unexpected styles

in a variety of fabrics.

"To begin, the retro, 70's Olympic-type look is definitely in for guys," said Bryan, another FCUK sales specialist. "Boxy, ill-fitting clothes are out, and detailed, well fitting pieces are in."

Additionally, shirts in colors like pink and baby blue are also available for fashion-conscious brothers who are secure in their masculinity.

"If a guy is going to wear pink, he'll only be fashionable and sexy if he knows how to wear it," warns Lambert.

Military-inspired jackets, low-rise jeans, and colors such as black, gold, and green are popular for this season.

FCUK is a store that defies the normal and redefines fashion for today's ever changing consumer. The clothes in the store allow you to create a chic, en vogue wardrobe that compliments all of your favorite features without calling attention to the ones you dislike.

Also, FCUK fashions make you feel as stylish as any celebrity, without ending up looking like a clone or a com-



Photo courtesy of www.fashion windows.com
French Connection is a popular store for Howard Students to shop at.

Bottom Right Photo by Angelique Reed
French Connection store windows gleam in the Georgetown afternoon sun.

plete trend-slave. Moreover, the store specializes in carrying pieces that have the ability to transition from being worn sportily in the day to being worn sexily at night.

So, ladies, wear your cardigans with pride. Men, sport your pastels with satisfaction. And vive le FCUK.



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UPDATE ON THE UNIVERSITY'S NETWORK UPGRADES

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While some positive measures have been implemented, and Internet performance has improved in recent weeks, some services are disabled while upgrades are in progress. In particular, remote access via high-speed third party ISPs (e.g., DSL, ISDN, etc.) to restricted databases on the University Libraries web site remains disabled. However, other remotely accessed web-based library databases and services remain accessible via high speed third party ISPs, and all University Libraries databases, restricted and non-restricted, are accessible via dial-up access.

For all who use high-speed third party ISPs, access to Howard University email via the standard Microsoft Outlook client is also disabled although these users can access their email via the Microsoft Outlook Web Access client. This high speed access interruption for restricted databases and the standard Microsoft Outlook client results from protective measures imposed by ISAS to eliminate uncontrolled exposure to damaging external intrusions via the Internet.

This situation is temporary and will be corrected by the end of next week when ISAS installs virtual private network (VPN) technology and fully restores secured, authorized remote access for all third party ISPs. In the interim, ISAS and University Libraries staffs are working to provide a transparent "workaround" to enable high speed remote access to these restricted databases by authenticated users.

The successful implementation of all of these measures will enable the University to regain reliable and productive use of its significant investment in its information technology in a secure, stable, and performance-enhanced network environment. We sincerely regret any inconvenience that has resulted from these in-progress network security upgrade actions.

Charles W. Moore
Interim Vice Provost and CIO

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WIZARDS

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From there, Weaver went to the top and worked his way down. He became an assistant professor of Marketing at North Carolina Central University where he enrolled in its doctorate program.

Two years into the program, he changed to the M.B.A. program and completed it in a year, realizing that, "although I graduated with an engineering degree, theory just wasn't my cup of tea...it was sort of my start of getting into a technical marketing career."

He spent 15 years in the engineering marketing business working for companies that marketed satellite systems to NASA and the Department of Defense. He was the only African-American doing that at the time and sold over \$1 billion worth of telecommunications equipment. He even led the path of one of America's most important satellites into space.

Next, he worked at RCA as part of the team that won the contract to build the AT&T satellite.

His career took him to General Dynamics where he won the contract to build the rocket that would launch the satellite into space. He finally landed in the Office of Commercial Space Transportation, which granted the license to AT&T to launch its satellite from Cape Canaveral in 1994.

While at General Dynamics, Weaver applied for a position at the Department of Commerce, at the time when Ron Brown was Secretary of Commerce. A prior co-worker of Weaver's saw his application and, being familiar with his expertise, recommended him for an a position at the FAA. After receiving recommendations from Federal representatives of Congress and the Commerce Committee Chairman, Weaver received the appointment from President Bill Clinton.

"A lot of this boils down to who your connections [are] and who you know," remarked Weaver, who was introduced to the Chairman by a member of his church. "Believe it or not, I think that was one of the strongest rec-

ommendations that put me over the top."

In 1995, Weaver received his doctoral degrees from two North Carolina schools wishing to honor their 'native son.' The first, a Doctor of Science from St. Augustine's College, the second, a Doctor of Humane Letters from Shaw Divinity School. The humanitarian-based Doctor of Humane Letters was a result of community service activities including Weaver's membership in the National Urban League's Black Executive Exchange Program.

In that program, he traveled to high schools and historically black colleges and universities giving lectures of inspiration and information. Using his 25 years of experience in telecommunications, he taught some of the subtle, but important ways to navigate a career in Corporate America.

"I've tried to work with other black students to get them exposed to careers in industry."

SOUND from page B3

exception of only a few tracks. The made-for-the-club song "Poppin' Up" is a bass-laden, up-tempo track that does Yasmeen's voice no justice at all. With lines such as "How you do that there, how you do that there/ Call before you come," the song attempts to give Yasmeen some form of street credit, with a lack-luster result.

As disappointing as

"Poppin' Up" may be, Yasmeen redeems herself with the introspective, hypnotic "Just Wanna Be Lonely," which touches on the joy and the necessity of merely taking time for oneself every once in a while. Yasmeen's "When Will It Be Me" is a CD full of both fun, upbeat songs and soulful, heart-grasping ballads that could whet the appetite of many a music consumer. Yasmeen's ability to interweave her innocence and passion into

her music is the combination that will keep listeners coming back for more. Moreover, Yasmeen's album is laden with though-provoking lyrics and timely topics that make for wonderful, story telling songs.

While young, this up-and-coming talent has the hunger and the voice for strong follow-up albums. Definitely do yourself a favor, and pick up a copy of "When Will It Be Me."

CROP page B3

ure of cameras, cellular phones and batteries. Meanwhile, overhead aircraft is unable to fly.

Additionally, crop circles have been said to cause abnormal radiation levels of nearly 300 percent, to interfere with radio frequencies, and to cause animals to avoid a particular area preceding the formation.

Positively, crop circles have also been associated with salubrious health effects on those who visit the site.

The explanation of this anomalous force has ranged from whirlwinds, vortices, pesticides, animal activity, or a type of demonic activity, such as psychic powers.

Whether directional landmarks, encoded ancient messages of caveat or greetings, the breathtaking magnificence

and mystifying illustration of crop circles continually triggers worldwide disagreement. After decades of inconclusive research, people are convinced that an unexplained, 'otherness' force is at work. Meanwhile, hundreds of people devote their lives to exploring these mysterious occurrences.

Sources: cropcircles.themovie.com and circlemakers.org

American U. Students Pitch in to Rebuild Afghan Embassy

By Brett Zongker

The Eagle (American U.)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON - Twenty-three years of dust coat the books in the Embassy of Afghanistan. All of the literature pre-dates 1979, the year the Soviet Union invaded the country.

Humira Noorestani, an American University senior is shuffling through her own history as she cleans a bookshelf in a sitting room of the ambassador's residence in the embassy. Noorestani's family was active in the Afghan government prior to the Soviet takeover. Her grandfather was a general in the army, and her father, a pilot, was jailed for opposing the Communist regime. She has never visited Afghanistan, but she would like to, she said.

"As an Afghan it made me feel really good [to work in the embassy]," Noorestani said. "I was crying inside because for once I actually felt like I had a country. This is my country too, but Afghanistan was my country also."

Noorestani joined nine other volunteers from AU's Habitat for Humanity chapter Saturday to help restore the building for the new Afghan government. The embassy lay vacant for the past two decades in an upscale Washington neighborhood.

"I would hope that more and more people get together and actually help," Noorestani said.

Plans began a year ago for the embassy to reopen, but not until this summer did the new Afghan government return to the building, said Homa Mansury Farhad, consular for social affairs at the embassy. Now the residence is being prepared for the ambassador and his family.

"Habitat is all about rebuilding -- creating something new. ... That's the part where we can help

them," sophomore Sarah Kelser, Habitat's volunteer coordinator said.

AU volunteers worked in the embassy on Oct. 12 and Nov. 2, installing blinds, moving furniture, cleaning windows and polishing wood. They plan to return as often as they are needed in the coming weeks, senior Devon Chokel, AU Habitat president, said.

The group is planning a second "House that AU Built," but \$20,000 must be raised before ground is broken, she said.

"I think the house comes first for us, but right now, we're really in the fund-raising stage," Kelser said.

The cost of building a Habitat house has risen from \$70,000 last year to \$85,000, Chokel said. But fund-raising may be easier now that the AU chapter has established itself and has something to show for its work, she said. AU's chapter was the first D.C. university group to complete a Habitat home when it built a home for Michelle Jeter and her five children last spring.

"We want to keep the momentum going so that we never have to stop building," Kelser said.

The second AU Habitat house is slated for an area near RFK Stadium where as many as 53 other homes may be built, Chokel said. The AU house would be a duplex, connected to the "House that George Built" from the Georgetown University chapter. They hope to break ground in January.

"It proves that college students can do it," Kelser said.

At this point, the AU chapter has raised approximately \$7,600

toward its second house, Chokel said. Compaq computers donated the first \$3,000 for the second Habitat house along with a computer for the Jeter family. Chokel said the group is planning to sell discounted Washington Capitals tickets as a campus fund-raiser.

The Habitat crew raised funds for a year and a half

for the first house, and the entire project spanned three years, she said.

In the meantime, work continues at the embassy.

"This is a perfect opportunity while we raise money," Chokel said.

Noorestani plans to return to the embassy for the restoration work and is also launching a new club at

AU called Rebuilding Afghanistan, she said. Its goal is to raise funds for schools, hospitals, government projects and needy families.

Noorestani's family is proud of her work. "Knowing English and Farsi, they think that I can make a real difference," she said.

The Afghan Embassy is

being transformed from an empty, abandoned shell with damaged walls and dirty windows to a vibrant symbol of a new Afghanistan.

"I was just awe struck at the beauty of the building and the potential for it," Chokel said. "How many people do you know who can say, 'I helped rebuild an embassy.'"



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EDITORIALS



Prop 48 No Longer a Hurdle

Recently, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors repealed Proposition 48 by voting to eliminate the SAT and ACT cutoff scores for eligibility of athletes. While many critics have argued that the new policy will simply make it easier for athletes to get into colleges without being adequately prepared for the coursework, we believe that this is good news for African American students.

It is no secret that Blacks statistically perform poorer on standardized tests such as the SAT and ACT. The NCAA's reform policy will now make classroom performance count more than tests that do not even accurately reflect a student's potential. Moreover, the guidelines for first and second year students will be stricter as a result of the new policy. This way, emphasis is

placed on maintaining good academic performance as a college athlete, rather than being an ill-prepared victim of the system.

For many young Black

ers when it comes to standardized testing (namely, whites over blacks).

Classroom performance is a better predictor of college success. By deemphasizing the importance of standardized tests in acceptance of college athletes, more Blacks will be given the chance to get a college education. Rightfully so, the extended sliding scale will allow those

with better classroom performance to compensate for deficient test scores.

We are pleased that the NCAA has recognized that the weight of standardized tests was an inaccurate predictor of college academic performance. Now more athletes will be afforded the opportunity of higher learning. With the torch now more within their grasp, we're counting on them to run with it.

OUR VIEW

The NCAA's decision to repeal Proposition 48 will benefit Black athletes.

men and women, athletics are used as a vehicle to get a college education. For nearly twenty years, Prop 48 was a hurdle for students who may have been fully capable of performing well in college, but were unfairly affected by the emphasis put on the SAT and ACT. It was a discriminatory policy in that those of a lower socio-economic status have been proven to perform poorer on such tests - an indication that some students have advantages over others.

Is the Democratic Party Working for Us?

In light of recent events, we have to ask: What is really going on with the Democratic Party?

Just when it seemed that candidate H. Carl McCall could quite possibly be the first Black governor of New York, the Democratic Party dropped him from the race because they thought he would not win. Since when do parties eliminate candidates

so far into the race and for such a sketchy reason? And even if there was strong indication that McCall would not win, it is a fact that pre-election opinion polls have not always been accurate predictions of who would win a race. We can't help but wonder if race was a factor in McCall's being pulled from the race for governor. Aside

from this, the Democratic Party decided against a Black candidate for party leader. The Democratic Party seems to not be supporting its Black

bloc that served as a major force to put them in office. If the Democratic Party does not even support its Black candidates, it is

questionable whether it is working in part for the interest of the Black public.

With the knowledge that the Democratic Party may not be working for us, Blacks should be particularly open-

minded when making our way to the polls today. Let us not depend on a party just because cultural tradition has mandated it, but let us look at the candidates and realize that democratic is not necessarily synonymous with pro-Black. We see that now more than ever.

OUR VIEW

The Democratic Party should work harder for Blacks and not take us for granted.

candidates. Why is this?

In a bi-partisan society, it is hard not to take sides. Throughout history, the African-American community has voted overwhelmingly democratic. For this reason, it would seem to be a given that the Democratic Party would try to serve the needs of the African-American voting

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Haitian Refugees Deserve Equal-Treatment

With the current detention of Haitian refugees in Florida, the fairness of American immigration policies are being questioned now more than ever.

Haitian refugees are fleeing conditions that should allow them political asylum. Such conditions are human rights abuses by the Haitian government and police.

Haitian refugees have been termed by the U.S. government as "economic entrants," a category of refugees that does not merit asylum under U.S. law. Why have they not been granted asylum as many of their Central American counterparts

have? It is utterly unfair for Haitians to not be afforded the same rights as other refugees.

Simply stated, the reason for the unequal treatment of Haitian refugees is racism. They are made to wait in detention centers for long periods of time while other groups have been instantly paroled. This is unethical and unjustifiable.

Because Howard University has a large Haitian population, this issue is something that affects us all. As the international Mecca of Black academia, we should all be disturbed by such a blatant display of racism by the U.S. government.

refugees that flee to the U.S. The United States government should assess the conditions of Haitian life. In doing this, they will inevitably have to admit that these refugees deserve political asylum as well.

America is not upholding its founding principle that "all men are created

OUR VIEW

The Haitian refugees should be given political asylum, just as other groups are.

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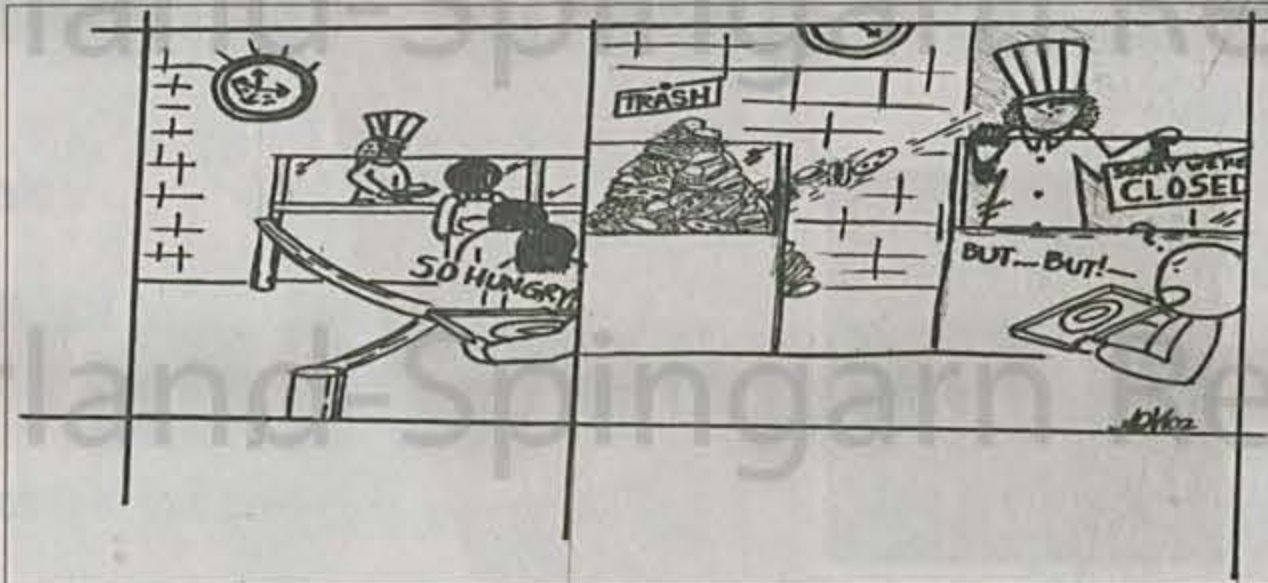
Nasty Attitudes in the Café

Marchello Cash

From the time of registration to the time of exams, every HU student has to face some conflict with a staff member who has been categorized as rude and earned the ghetto name of "NASTY."

I am writing this letter because I think we as Black people never just cut attitudes, therefore we never see results.

My conflict occurred about two weeks ago while preparing for Homecoming week. It was early and I went to the Café to eat so that I could have a great start. After getting there at 9:30 sharp, I rushed inside to be served. However, the food was taken away from the serving area and put on a table right behind the pizza stand. I opted to just stand in



the line to get an omelet. I stood in line waiting for my turn until the woman in front of me, Ms. Donna McClint, waited until the last person was served in front of her and told me the line was closed. I begged of her to allow the man

to make me a meal, but she refused.

I did not see that as a big problem, however, the real conflict began when I asked her if she could get some of the food that was right on the table behind the pizza stand. She

rudely replied, "I can't get a nothing". So I asked her, "Are you meaning to tell me that you are going to throw away that food and refuse to give it to me?" She said, "That's right" because "the staff is on a schedule and they have to be doing

something else at this time."

I could not understand why she refused to serve me when the food was right there, uncovered. All she had to do was take a spoon and scoop something up, but she told me no several times saying that there was nothing that she could or would do.

I think that it is just plain nasty when we are paying all this money and have to put up with nasty attitudes like that. The mere fact that she said the food would be thrown away and not served was insulting. After all, breakfast is supposed to be the most important meal of the day. Well, she ruined mine. *

The entire staff was willing to help me, but they acted as if they were afraid of her because she is known to have a mean and NASTY attitude.

I saw her boss who took my complaint and said he thought that she could have assisted me, but he wanted to hear her side. They begged me not to go to the Hilltop, but to wait a response. However, I never got an apology from anyone. A day later, the boss said that he would look into extending the omelet line for ten minutes.

I think that the Cafeteria staff needs to realize that this is not high school, but college, and since we are paying students, we are customers - not just kids they can choose to help or not to help. It is time that they got the facts straight. Those are, that the students are first and should be served like customers and adults - not like their ghetto kids.

There is Nothing Wrong With Pimpin

Megan Moore

The focus of the 2002 Homecoming Fashion Show was to redefine the word 'pimp'. The modern day pimp is not someone who sells sex or makes money off of disrespecting women and their bodies. We wanted the Howard community to open their minds and ears and understand that we are all pimps in sense.

For example, your professor is trying to fail you because of your poor attendance. The average Howard student would call the professor, set up meetings and 'pimp' the professor into believing that you were very ill and you deserve at least a C. That is a modern day pimp.

We envisioned a pimp as an active student making things happen, a person that uses the power of persuasion to achieve goals. Each of the nine scenes in "Pimp Harder" provided a different definition along with the scene title. Not one definition included derogatory terms disrespecting women or the black race.

The opening definition to the scene "Pimp Harder" described a pimp as one who organizes, manages and assumes the risk of a business or enterprise; a procurer. "New Age Pimp" defined a pimp as one who directs operations, activity or performance; one who has charge of their life. When I described this scene to the models, I told them to walk down the runway as if it were graduation. A new age pimp

has confidence, is an intellectual, someone that gives back to his or her university. Other scenes defined a pimp as one who exists as a distinct entity, not consumed with what others think about them. This is how we envision Howard students, and this is who they should want to be.

The video footage served an entertaining purpose along with providing a contrasting view. In the fourth scene, "I only Love You", the video footage of a prostitute describing her relationship with her pimp is very similar to the relationships that exist on campus. Students try to pimp each other in relationships by not being honest or trying to have a sexual relationship with more than one person. This is reality on campus.

Pimpin is a reality and is bigger than all of us. Pimpin has been around forever. Slave masters were the biggest pimps ever. This is the negative side of pimpin. In scene six, "Conquer" the video footage we used was a pimp talking about the origins of pimpin. Mayors, town sheriffs, governors, they were always at whorehouses. They used and abused women. Pimpin was not considered bad and unjust until black men started making money off of it. You cannot redefine the word 'pimp' without acknowledging its origin. We had Dave McDuffy, the most pro-black person I know, give his view about pimpin, a new view about pimpin. In addition, we had spoken word in the third

scene entitled "The Laureate." This scene defined a pimp as one who possesses a practical and often shrewd understanding of human affairs. The three poets gave their interpretation of pimpin as it exists at Howard.

The authors of previously printed perspectives missed the point of the show. "Pimp Harder" is a movement, a state of mind. Do your best, be the best and hell look the best. The Hilltop has failed to report the whole story; they have failed to inform the students about our goals and success of the fashion show. Did you know that every designer in the show was African American or a minority? Did you know that MTV.com, DC One Magazine, Frank 151 and other members of the press and modeling agencies were present at the fashion show? Jessica (our stylist), our model coordinators, and especially the outstanding models worked extremely hard on producing this show. It has been a dream of mine to coordinate one of the hottest fashion shows on the east coast and I was successful. I appreciate everyone's opinions about the show and thank all that were present. It's cool that the show is creating controversy and debate. However, before you judge the show, make sure you were there and most importantly understood the concept.

The young lady that wrote the first perspective talked about how Howard has become an everyday fashion show.

However, one must understand that we all come from a different place; we were all raised differently and are a product of our environment and culture. It is not a secret that black people can dress. History proves that when we were slaves the only day we could look remotely human was on Sunday when we would worship. It is not fair for us to judge these students because they like to look good. That is the only thing that is wrong with Howard. We judge each other way too often; we have a newspaper that would rather start controversy than report the news. We thought that Howard was mature enough to understand what "Pimp Harder" really meant. Beside the three articles printed, I think everyone did get the point and thoroughly enjoyed the show.

I like to think we started a pimp movement: A movement about black people no longer being the victim, a movement where women do not have to take some of the crap men dish out, and a movement that is focused on educating our people and uplifting each other. Instead of talking about change and the problems at Howard, I got up and did something about it. I hope everyone enjoyed the show and now understand what a modern day pimp truly is. I am proud to be a pimp, and to all those in training....PIMP HARDER!!

Will the Future Leaders Please Stand Up

Sean T. Parker

On Friday, October 25, not only did we lose a liberal, progressive senator to tragedy weeks before the November 5th Elections. We lost perhaps the most progressive member of the U.S. Senate. In fact, Senator Wellstone was the only Senator in a close re-election campaign bid to be avidly against the war.

I wonder if he knew that he had the support of the majority of the students at Howard University. I used to read about Howard University as a high school student in Cincinnati, Ohio and I imagined a place where activism was just as common as Sunday Dinner. Then I arrived at Howard University, the Mecca, and I realized that while I was amongst the best and the brightest, it was nowhere near the standard that I had set for Howard.

All too often we look to the men on Capitol Hill to institute policy that affects every part of our lives. In the near future, Bush will be advocating the dismissal of the Pell Grant in order to pay for the pending War in Iraq. We are quiet. If the Republicans take over both Houses of Congress, then we can look forward to the confirmation of judges all over the country with conservative views that have no problem with America pre-1960, and hopes for it to one day be at that same level.

We could probably look forward to President Bush selecting a Supreme Court Justice that would favor a 'Taney Court' as opposed to a 'Marshall Court.'

Unfortunately we as students at Howard University are failing to realize the importance of maintaining a positive image in America. There are students all over the world, just hoping to come to college with dreams of changing the world. They would soon become discour-

aged if they were to walk on Howard's campus today.

The students of Howard University need to assume a new found sense of responsibility to service, politics, ethics, and bringing Howard University back to what it once was—The Mecca.

Howard University is among the top in relation to other HBCUs but we need to have a wider vision of what greatness entails. As a University we can recognize, and tackle the tough issues that are affecting America everyday.

We can start by getting out the vote on November 5th, 2002. African-Americans are currently being stereotyped as a voteless bloc, therefore getting very little respect from law makers. We need to participate more on all levels of government - local, state, and federal.

Just about every student at Howard University was a leader in their own right at their respective high schools and cities. If we could utilize half of the talent that we have, our school and our community wouldn't be in half the shape that is in today.

It is time for the real leaders to stand up. It was John Adams who said that "competition makes the marketplace stronger and the production of goods more efficient and effective." Even if you are not a leader, be a strong, productive and relentless follower. If we are called upon to provide "leadership for America and the Global Community," we must start today. "Together we stand, divided we fall." Humbly I ask: Will the real leaders please stand up!

Sean T. Parker, Sophomore, Political Science Major and President of the Howard University Chapter of the NAACP. He can be reached at stparker@howard.edu

Editor's Note

I would like to take this moment to refute the INCORRECT perception of The Editorials and Perspectives section of the Hilltop. This is in response to Ms. Moore's characterization of the Hilltop as a "newspaper that would rather start controversy than report the news" in her perspective.

In the October 22nd issue, our editor-in-chief, Lauren Bayne Anderson, took the time to explicitly

explain the purpose of the Editorials and Perspectives pages of The Hilltop. Perhaps it would be beneficial to log onto www.thehilltoponline.com and review that page to destroy any misconceptions that can result from being uninformed.

As Ms. Anderson explained, the Perspectives section provides an avenue for students to express their opinions and views on current events, campus issues,

or whatever they so choose. It is NOT the job of this section to report the news (thus, the word "perspectives").

Because people's perspectives will undoubtedly differ many times, controversy is to be expected. We encourage students to submit their views, even if they are "controversial." In actuality, this is a positive thing because it gets people thinking, and opens minds. It is not fair to bash the

entire publication for something published in the perspectives section - a section that does not in ANY WAY necessarily reflect the ideas or opinions of the Hilltop or the University.

Ms. Moore, and others, we greatly appreciate your perspectives and keep 'em coming! However, please do not attack the Hilltop for being the middle-man by publishing different perspectives.

Write letters to the Editor and Perspectives. Go to
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garywar@yahoo.com

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Thursdays, 7:30 pm at Drew and 9:00 pm at Carver.
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Nov.10 Call to Chapel
Nov.11 Money Matters
Nov.12 An Informational
Nov.13 Learn to Defend Yourself
Nov.14 Rhoval Beauty

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Cynere
Thanks again for holdin it down on Friday. even through the ... you know I don't even have to say it but you know. And I went to school and they were giving ... I was new at it for free and I felt told them out.

UGSA Presents: UGSA Week

Monday, Nov. 4,
"Where's the Real HU?"
7 p.m. Blackburn

Tuesday, Nov. 5,
Movie Night—"Signs"
7 p.m. Cramton Auditorium

Wednesday, Nov. 6,
"So Contagious"—Do you have it?
12 p.m. — 5 p.m. Blackburn

Thursday, Nov. 7
"Mix and Match"
7 p.m. East Ballroom

Friday, Nov. 8
"The Ultimate Freestyle Friday"
Blackburn "Punch-Out"

Saturday, Nov. 9
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